

Gift Card Scam

Buying gift cards as Christmas presents? Watch out for a recent scam involving fake bar code stickers being added to gift cards in stores. The gift card may be for Brand A, but when you go the store checkout, and the cashier scans the barcode, it shows up as Brand B. Close inspection of the barcode reveals that it is actually a sticker placed on top of the legitimate bar code for the card. The fake barcode uses your purchase to add money to the gift card for Brand B – which is the scammer’s card not yours!

See: [Former police officer warns of scams involving tampered gift cards at retailers](#)

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