

#SecureTheFamily During the Holidays

Secure Holiday Travel

Traveling from point A to point B (and beyond!) while keeping devices and personal information safe and secure

The holiday season is just around the corner, which means it's prime time for cybercriminals to take advantage of the millions of people traveling through all modes of transportation. Help keep your friends and family safe and secure online by sharing this easy-to-follow checklist!

Mobile Devices

- Bring as few devices as you can with you when going on vacation.
- Whenever leaving a hotel room, restaurant, taxicab, train, or airplane, do a quick device check and make sure you have all your devices.
- Make sure you update your devices, so they are running the latest operating system and apps.
- Keep the screen lock enabled, and if possible, ensure you have some way to remotely track your devices if they are lost.
- Do a backup of any devices you take with you, so if one is lost or stolen, you can easily recover your data.

Wi-Fi Connections

- Instead of connecting to a public Wi-Fi network, whenever possible connect to and use the personal hotspot feature of your smartphone.
- Use a Virtual Private Network, often called a VPN. This is software you install on your laptop or mobile devices which can help both protect and anonymize your Wi-Fi connection.

Public Computers

- Avoid using public computers – such as those in hotel lobbies or at coffee shops to log into any accounts or access sensitive information.
- Stick to devices you control and trust

Social Media

- Avoid oversharing while on vacation as much as possible and consider waiting to share your adventures until you're home from your trip.
- Don't post pictures of boarding passes, drivers licenses, or passports as this can lead to identity theft.

Work

- If you will be working while on vacation (we hope not!), make sure you check what your work travel policies are ahead of time – including what devices or data you can bring with you – and how to remotely connect to work systems safely.

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