

Summer Travel Plans? Tips for staying secure on the Go!

Planning a trip this summer, but how do you stay safe on the road? Below are some tips for securing your personal data when you take a trip or going to a public event.

1. Travel Simply

- Leave data-packed business devices and materials behind whenever possible.
- Limit the credit cards and personal identification items you take with you (Use gift cards or preloaded Credit Cards).
- Store copies of important numbers credit cards, IDs in a safe place in case your wallet is lost or stolen.
- Encrypt your device.
- Use a VPN to connect to anything confidential.

2. Physical Security

Remember these basic tips to help keep your devices (and the data they contain) secure while you're on the go:

- Don't leave your devices unattended in public.
- Keep your devices concealed as often as possible, particularly when in a crowded place.
- Securely store your devices if you leave them behind. Hotels are not the best option.

3. Be Social Smart

- Turn off automatic check-ins and location tracking. This not only tells where you are, but more importantly alerts would-be thieves that you are not at home.
- Save the vacation posts until you're back home.
- Be careful about Bluetooth connections. One example: Your Contact data could be left behind on rental a car (Make Sure it is deleted).

4. Be Cautious Using Open Wi-Fi

- Check before you connect. Wi-Fi network names can be faked. To be safe, check with a trusted source before you access an open Wi-Fi network.
- Use https or a virtual private network (VPN) to protect your data. A VPN adds a layer of encryption and security that is valuable when using any unknown connection.
- Consider using a personal hotspot. It is more secure than public Wi-Fi.