TOP 5 CYBER SAFETY TIPS FOR TRAVELERS

These days, no matter where you're headed, being continuously connected is part of the travel plan. As you embark on your next adventure, the National Cybersecurity Alliance urges travelers to stay cyber safe while away from home by following some simple practices to help keep your devices safe and your vacation plans from going awry.

1. Set up the "find my phone" feature on your devices

Before you head out on vacation, this setting will allow you to find, remotely wipe data and/or disable the device if it gets into the wrong hands.

2. Think before you book

When booking flights and hotels online, use caution to avoid falling victim to fake third-party booking companies. The best option to is to book through the official website of the airline or hotel. Stick to reputable booking websites and verify their credibility through reviews. Always double-check the website URL for authenticity. Be wary of deals that seem too good to be true!
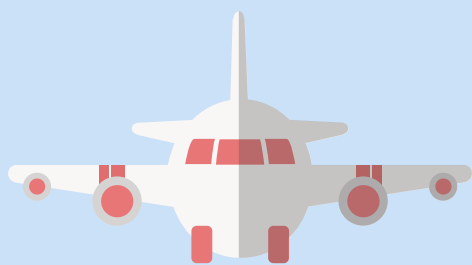
3. Get savvy about WiFi hotspots

Do not transmit personal info or make purchases on unsecure networks. Instead, use a virtual private network (VPN) or your phone as a personal hotspot to surf more securely.

4. Protect Physical Devices

Ensure your devices are with you at all times. If you are staying in a hotel, the best thing to do is lock them in a safe or lock them in your luggage.

Using your device at an airport or cafe? Don't leave it unattended with a stranger while you get up to use the restroom or order another latte. Keep your devices with you at all times. The phrase "stranger danger" also applies to cybersecurity.

5. Actively manage location services

Location tools come in handy while planning navigating a new place, but they can also expose your location – even through photos. Turn off location services when not in use.