Traveling for the Holidays?

Before You Leave

Update the software that powers your phone and laptop.

Back up your computer and phone to a hard drive or the cloud.

Make a copy of sensitive files like your financial records and store the files on an external hard drive or the cloud.

Then delete those files from your computer during your travels in case it's lost or stolen.

Require a passcode or enable facial recognition to access to your smartphone or computer.

On the Road

Go to your computer and phone's settings to turn off "Wi-fi auto-connect."

Also turn off Bluetooth on both your phone and computer while you travel.

Never leave your laptop unattended — even for a moment.

Never use public Wi-fi. Instead, pair your laptop to your phone's cellular signal.

When you leave your hotel room, store your laptop in the room's safe.

Power down your laptop or phone before recharging it using the plug on a hotel lamp.

After You Arrive

Stick to using trusted Wi-fi networks that require a password to access the signal.

Use a VPN to do work-related tasks even when you're on a trusted Wi-fi network.

Don't store work-related files on your personal cloud-based accounts.

Never use your personal email account to send work-related files or sensitive information.

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