

Traveling Again - Are You Ready?

Whether for business or pleasure, things are opening up for more travel. Are you secured and ready? Let's check! ✓


- Do you have passwords or passcodes on all your devices? **Check!** ✓ (If not, anyone has access to your devices and all information they can access.)
- Are all pending updates installed on your devices? **Check!** ✓ (These can patch important security holes.)
- Are your devices all backed up? **Check!** ✓ (If lost or stolen, you will still have the data you started with.)
- Is Bluetooth turned off until you need it? **Check!** ✓ (Leaving it "on" auto-connects you to wireless and Bluetooth networks near you.)
- Is your 'Find My Phone' feature activated? **Check!** ✓ (You're out and about and distracted, need we say more?)
- Do you limit what you do on public WiFi? **Check!** ✓ (Never access banking sites or your email - they contain sensitive information that can be exposed.)
- Have you set up a VPN or personal/mobile hotspot? **Check!** ✓ (If you will be using public WiFi, you should set this up.)
- Do you have a screen protector on all devices? **Check!** ✓ (Don't get caught with no working phone, tablet, or camera if the screen gets badly cracked.)



Other things to consider:

- Whether you're pool-side, ocean-side, or around any body of water, a waterproof cellphone pouch is a good idea. If it floats, even better!
- Only take what you will need. You're supposed to be vacating your normal life, not taking it with you. Leave those extra credit cards and unnecessary electronics safe and secure at home, where you won't need to worry about losing them and the information they contain.

Now you're ready for worry-free travel, so Bon Voyage!

 Stay alert for any unusual or suspicious email, text, or phone calls. Just because you're away from your home and computer doesn't mean scammers can't still reach you by landline, cell phone, tablet, Morse code...maybe not that one. They're good but not that good.

Wherever you're going, by land, sea or air, be sure to check on any restrictions or requirements that will be in effect for COVID-19 in that area as they will vary. Use your good judgment and follow all local guidelines to keep yourself and everyone around you safe and having a good time.