SAFE Tipsheet
On the Road Again...

Before You Leave

- **Travel Lightly:** Limit the number of devices you take with you. The more you take with you, the more you open yourself up to cybersecurity risks. If you have important files or sensitive information stored on your device that you won't need while traveling, move them onto another device.

- **Update Your System and Software:** Before you hit the road, make sure all security and critical software is up-to-date on your connected devices. Keep them updated during travel.

- **Set Up the "Find My Phone" Feature on Your Devices:** This will allow you to find, remotely wipe data and/or disable the device if it gets into the wrong hands.

- **Passoword-Protect Your Devices:** Make sure you require the use of a passcode or extra security feature (like a fingerprint) to unlock your phone or mobile device in case it's misplaced or stolen.

While Traveling

- **Actively Manage "Location Services" on Devices:** These can expose your location, even through photos. Turn them off when not in use.

- **Stop Auto-Connecting:** Some devices will automatically seek and connect to available wireless networks. Bluetooth enables your device to connect wirelessly with other devices, such as headphones or automobile infotainment systems. Disable these features so that you only connect to wireless and Bluetooth networks when YOU choose.

- **Protect Physical Devices:** Ensure your devices are with you at all times. Store them in your carry-on, not checked luggage. If you are staying in a hotel, lock them in a safe or in your luggage. Use your own battery charger when traveling. Public charging stations can be manipulated by criminals to steal your information.

- **Avoid Shoulder Surfers:** Think critically about where you do your work and who might be able to peer over your shoulder to see your screen or what you're typing. Consider using a screen guard and position yourself to limit how many people can come up behind you. When using ATMs or entering passcodes on devices, you should also try to cover your hand so others can't see your codes.

REMEMBER...

When flying, be careful with boarding passes. These contain information that, if accessed by a criminal, can reveal information like a traveler's frequent-flyer number, which could be used to steal earned miles, or access any other sensitive information contained in a rewards account.

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