

Travel Cybersecurity Tips

Tips to stay secure when you're on the road

The travel and transportation industry is a goldmine for cybercriminals looking to cash in on travelers' data and identities.

Rising threat

566 million

Records stolen from travel and transportation companies in 2018-2019⁽¹⁾

#2 target

Travel industry is the second-most targeted after financial services⁽²⁾

\$1.1 trillion

Annual travel spending in the U.S.⁽³⁾



What's at risk?

Laptops and Smartphones

- Work email
- Documents and files
- Account credentials

Travel Rewards Accounts

- Personally identifiable information
- Passport numbers
- Credit card numbers
- Rewards points

Location Information

- Travel itineraries
- Dates you won't be at home

Security tips

- Monitor loyalty rewards accounts. Protect accounts with strong passwords and two-factor authentication.
- Be careful where you connect. Set your devices to require authorization before connecting to Wi-Fi and use a VPN.
- Bring a backup battery. USB power charging stations may come with a cost you can't see.
- Clean up your tracks. Make sure to log out of private accounts if you use a public computer.
- Shred your tickets. Tickets and hotel receipts can expose your private information.
- Pay with credit. Don't use debit cards at point-of-sale. If you use an ATM, select one inside a bank branch.

Sources

1) IBM X-Force data. 2) IBM X-Force Threat Intelligence Index 2019. 3) US Travel Association