Prepare Your Technology for Travel

‘Tis the season for traveling—protect your information and your technology in four simple steps

Step 1: Back Up Before (and During) Your Trip
Travel can be tough on technology so back up your work before and during your trip in case of damage or theft.

Step 2: Use a Loaner Laptop
Using a laptop without all of your personal information can protect you if it’s stolen or hacked. If you’re traveling for work, ask your local tech support about borrowing a spare.

Step 3: Access Secure Wi-Fi Networks or VPN
A thief can steal your data without physically touching your device; connect to a secured network or Virtual Private Network whenever possible.

Step 4: Refresh Passwords When You Return
Update passwords to services (particularly e-mail or banking) you accessed on the road, especially after an extended trip.

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