



# Safe Travel



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## Be aware and pay attention



### When using any ground transportation, including rideshare and taxi:

- Know where you are going and the approximate travel time
- Follow along on your own maps app to ensure driver is taking the correct route
- While waiting on transportation, stay in well-lit areas and be aware of your surroundings
- Do not get into vehicle if someone other than the driver is already in the car/backseat
- Always wear your seatbelt and sit in the backseat so you are less accessible to driver
- If possible, always travel with a friend, especially at night
- Be friendly, but keep personal information confidential
- Always keep a watchful eye on your belongings
- Make sure your mobile device is charged and keep emergency numbers handy. If you sense something is off, don't get in the car. If you are already on the road, call 911 in US or the equivalent number in the country where you are traveling.

### When using a rideshare

- Always confirm license plate number, vehicle make and color, and ask the driver to confirm your name by asking "who are you here for?" before getting into vehicle
- Check driver's rating. If you are uncomfortable, cancel your ride and call another
- Within the rideshare app, share your trip with a friend or family member

### When using a taxi

- When traveling, ask hotel concierge/staff, client or local office to make the booking for you
- Always use a recommended and reputable company
- Confirm your departure time, and ask ahead about cost and tipping
- Look for a meter and ID badge before entering the vehicle

## More info:

### Department of Homeland Security

[Click here](#) for the latest information from the Department of Homeland Security, to view the current U.S. National Threat Advisory Level, or to subscribe to free email updates.

### U.S. Department of State

For current U.S. Department of State "alerts" and "warnings" about short-term and long-term conditions which pose a significant risk to Americans, [click here](#).

### Transportation Security Administration

For the latest Transportation Security Administration information, including a detailed listing of what is allowed in your carry-on bag, [click here](#).





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## Cybersecurity Tips for Travelers

Remember that your cell phone and other personal electronic devices transmit and store your personally identifiable information (PII), which is as valuable as the contents of your suitcase and possibly more so.

### Before you go

Take steps to secure your devices and your PII (such as your name, address, date of birth and Social Security Number). Leave at home any electronics you don't need. And if you take it, protect it.

#### Be sure to:

- Back up your electronic files
- Remove sensitive data
- Install strong passwords
- Confirm antivirus software is up-to-date

### While traveling

Be vigilant about your surroundings and where and how you use your devices.

#### Make sure to:

- Keep your devices secure in public places such as airports, hotels and restaurants
- Take care that nobody is trying to steal information from you by spying on your device screen while it's in use
- Consider using a privacy screen on your laptop to restrict visibility

### Be cautious while using public Wi-Fi

You may be especially vulnerable in locations with public Wi-Fi, including Internet cafes, coffee shops, bookstores, travel agencies, clinics, libraries, airports and hotels.

#### Some helpful tips:

- Do not use the same passwords or PIN numbers abroad that you use in the United States
- Do not use the public wi-fi to make online purchases or access bank accounts
- When logging into any public network, shut off your phone's auto-join function
- While using a public wi-fi network, periodically disconnect from the network, then log back in again
- Log onto the public wi-fi using the wrong password. If you can get on, the network is not secure

## Additional resources

For more tips, check the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness Team webpage](#). Laws and policies regarding online security and privacy differ from country to country. While in a foreign country, you are subject to local laws. The [U.S. State Department website](#) provides travel safety information for every country in the world.

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