Tech Safety for Business Travelers

Digital safety practices based on destination

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Know Your Destination Risk Level

Before you travel, understand the digital risk profile of your destination. The level of precaution you need depends on where you're going — not just what you're carrying.

Low Risk — Most Developed Countries

Focus on basic precautions. Primary concerns: petty theft, opportunistic cybercrime, pickpockets. Standard digital safety measures are usually sufficient.

- Use a VPN
- Lock devices with strong passwords
- Avoid unsecured public WiFi

Moderate Risk — Emerging Markets / Some Restrictions

Enhanced precautions recommended. Primary concerns: government monitoring, internet censorship, data theft. Consider privacy tools and limit info sharing.

- Encrypted communication tools (e.g., Signal, ProtonMail)
- Limit social media and sensitive data use

High Risk — Authoritarian Regimes / Conflict Zones

Maximum precautions essential. Consider whether travel is necessary; consult a security professional.

- Use burner devices (temporary phones/laptops)
- Remove all non-essential data and apps
- Avoid sensitive communications — assume all activity is monitored
- Use cash when possible to avoid digital trails
- Research local surveillance laws and search authority