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NORTH AMERICA

TraCR REPORT

TRAVEL CYBERSECURITY RISK

Risk Level: Moderate

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Due to high-income economies and advanced technology, North America presents a moderate risk of cybercrime for travelers. This risk is exacerbated by a high density of public Wi-Fi networks and smartphone usage but tempered by cyber legislation and increasing cooperation between security forces.

REGION RISKS

- Travelers are susceptible to the physical theft of their devices.
- Travelers are at risk of having their identity and data stolen when using legitimate public networks.
- False Wi-Fi spots in locations including hotels, commuter locations, and restaurants pose an increased risk to travelers.
- Hackers are able to steal data and encrypt it.
- Visitors are at an increased threat of cyberattacks from Russian hackers due to U.S. and Canadian support of Ukraine.
- Cryptocurrency theft via hacking is on the rise in 2022.
- Upon entry, U.S. Department of Homeland Security agents have the authority to search and copy files on laptops, smartphones, or other digital devices.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT BECOMING A VICTIM OF A CYBER CRIME WHILE TRAVELING?

DO...

- Contact Concentric to help conduct risk assessment to determine vulnerabilities
- Enroll in a PII removal service, such as [Eclipse*](#)
- Install remote wipe capability on devices

DO NOT...

- Leave Bluetooth and Wi-Fi enabled
- Advertise your travel on social media
- Avoid connecting to unsecured Wi-Fi at hotels, airports and cafes by using Mi-Fi devices or using cell phones as hotspots.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT BECOMING A VICTIM OF A CYBER CRIME WHILE TRAVELING?


- Install an antivirus application
- Perform manual scans of suspected malicious files/downloads
- Enable login notifications
- Add a fraud alert to your credit card and credit report

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAVE BECOME A VICTIM OF A CYBER CRIME WHILE TRAVELING?

- 1 Containment. Delete the virus source, disconnect from Wi-Fi, and change all passwords.
- 2 Remediation. Wipe devices and inform stakeholders, by phone, an incident has occurred.
- 3 Recovery. Restore data from backups if your device was wiped or stolen.
- 4 Assessment. Determine what can be done in the future to prevent further incidents.

CONTACT CONCENTRIC 24/7 IF YOU NEED ANY URGENT ASSISTANCE OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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