# Protecting Your Data While Traveling

Border Security Reality Check

US border agents can search devices without warrants at 328 ports of entry AND within 100 miles of borders/ports (covers ~2/3 of US population).

❌ Can Be Compelled
- Unlock with Face ID
- Unlock with Touch ID
- Unlock with fingerprint

✓ Cannot Be Compelled*
- Reveal your password
- Enter your passcode

*Not settled law—varies by jurisdiction

# Before You Travel: Security Checklist

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Before Departure:
- 💾 Backup & encrypt all data (leave backup at home)
- 📧 Sign out of sensitive services (Box, Dropbox, iCloud, social media)
- 📸 Evaluate your Photos library for sensitive content
- 🗑️ Consider temporarily deleting social media apps
- 🔐 Use strong passwords (13+ characters with symbols)

At the Border:
- 🚫 Disable Face ID/Touch ID: Press power + volume buttons until "slide to power off" appears (then cancel)
- ⏰ iOS 18 auto-restart: iPhone automatically restarts after 3 days without unlocking
- 📴 Turn off Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Cellular in hostile environments

High-Risk Destinations:
- Use a sanitized loaner device with no personal data
- Reboot devices daily (clears certain types of malware)
- Store sensitive documents only in secure cloud storage