Whether it’s ocean breezes, mountain air, wide-open spaces or the lure of exotic locales, summer vacation is just around the corner for many of us. As you begin making reservations and packing travel essentials, review these important tips to help ensure your personal information remains safe and secure.

Before You Go

**Device Checklist**

Update antivirus software

Create new passwords and PINs for each device

Enable location services on mobile devices

Activate remote wipe capability to erase data in the event of loss or theft

Use auto-lock and turn off screen notifications for smartphones and tablets

Avoid posting travel plans on social media

**Home Checklist**

Backup and secure data

Avoid posting vacation plans on social media

Move devices and other valuables away from windows

Ask a friend to retrieve mail and packages and turn the lights on and off

Notify your bank and credit card companies

Make copies of credit cards, passport, and airline tickets and leave with a contact

 While You’re Traveling

**Avoid wireless access risks**

Enable Secure Internet Connections

Use HTTPS

Disable Wi-Fi and Bluetooth when not in use

Be aware of “Juice Jacking”

If traveling internationally, review the terms of your provider’s data use in other countries, and the potential cost of roaming charges

**Avoid situations that can put your personal information at risk**

Be on the lookout for “shoulder surfing”

Be aware when using ATMs and shield the keypad when entering PINs

Avoid using shared computers or take preventative measures when using them

Stay away from posting location information on social media sites

Be mindful of your surroundings and secure all electronic devices

 When You Return

**House Cleaning**

Scan your devices for malware and viruses

Change passwords on all devices

Change your PINs

Review your credit card and bank statements for any suspicious activity