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**With the summer holiday season fast approaching and perhaps with the excitement of travelling, keep in mind that Cyber criminals will still be looking for that one opportunity to attack you online. It is important to be vigilant, to keep safe online and not to make it easy for criminals.**

When we go on holiday we take our internet connected devices with us as we rely on them so heavily, especially our mobile devices. They can contain our booking confirmation, payment confirmation, e-tickets and access to our wallet and credit and debit cards.

Mainly though, we have our mobile devices with us for checking our emails and certainly to access the many social media platforms we might be on. The following guidance from our colleagues at the NCSC will provide you with further guidance to keep your devices safe. [Step 3 - Keeping your smartphones \(and tablets\) safe - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

When you're out and about in areas such as cafes, bars or public transport even, don't leave your devices unattended or in view when not using them. Instead be aware of your surroundings, try not to have your device on show when walking around as you could risk becoming a victim of theft.

Sharing posts and photos on social media while away is a common thing to do, the problem is this advertises the fact that your home is unoccupied – even if it's only for a weekend break. Instead consider posting your holiday experience when you return home.

We want you to relax and enjoy your holiday and the link below will provide some additional guidance for you to consider when booking your trip away.

[Holiday & Travel Booking - Get Safe Online](#)



**Top tips for staying secure online**  
How to stay secure online and keep your devices safe  
Visit [cyberaware.gov.uk](#) to get started.

**Protect your email with a strong password**  
Your email password should be strong and different from all your other passwords - combine 3 random words to create a password that's long enough and strong enough.

**Turn on 2-step verification (2SV) for your most important accounts**  
2SV gives you twice the protection by adding a second step when you log in to your account. It's quick and easy to set up and it's free to access your account. If 2SV is available for an account, the option to switch it on is usually found in the security settings for the account.

**Back up your data**  
Safeguard your most important data, such as your photos and key documents, by backing them up to an external hard drive or to the cloud.

**Update your devices**  
Applying security updates promptly will help protect your devices and accounts from cyber criminals. You should turn on automatic updates in your device settings if it's available.

**Save passwords in your browser or use a password manager**  
Need help remembering all your passwords? Get a password manager, or save them to your browser.

[Use a strong and separate password for your email - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

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