CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES FOR BUSINESS TRAVELERS

PROTECT DEVICES, DATA, AND CREDENTIALS WHILE AWAY FROM THE OFFICE

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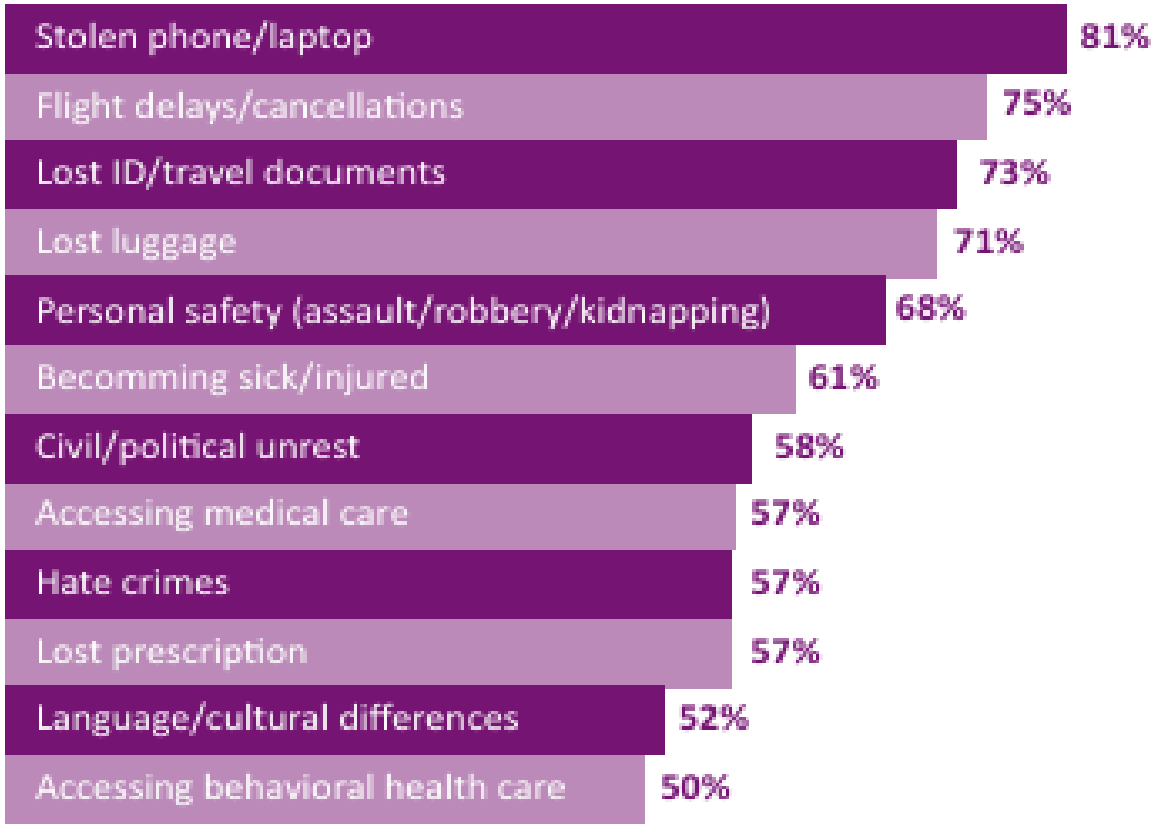
Top traveler concerns

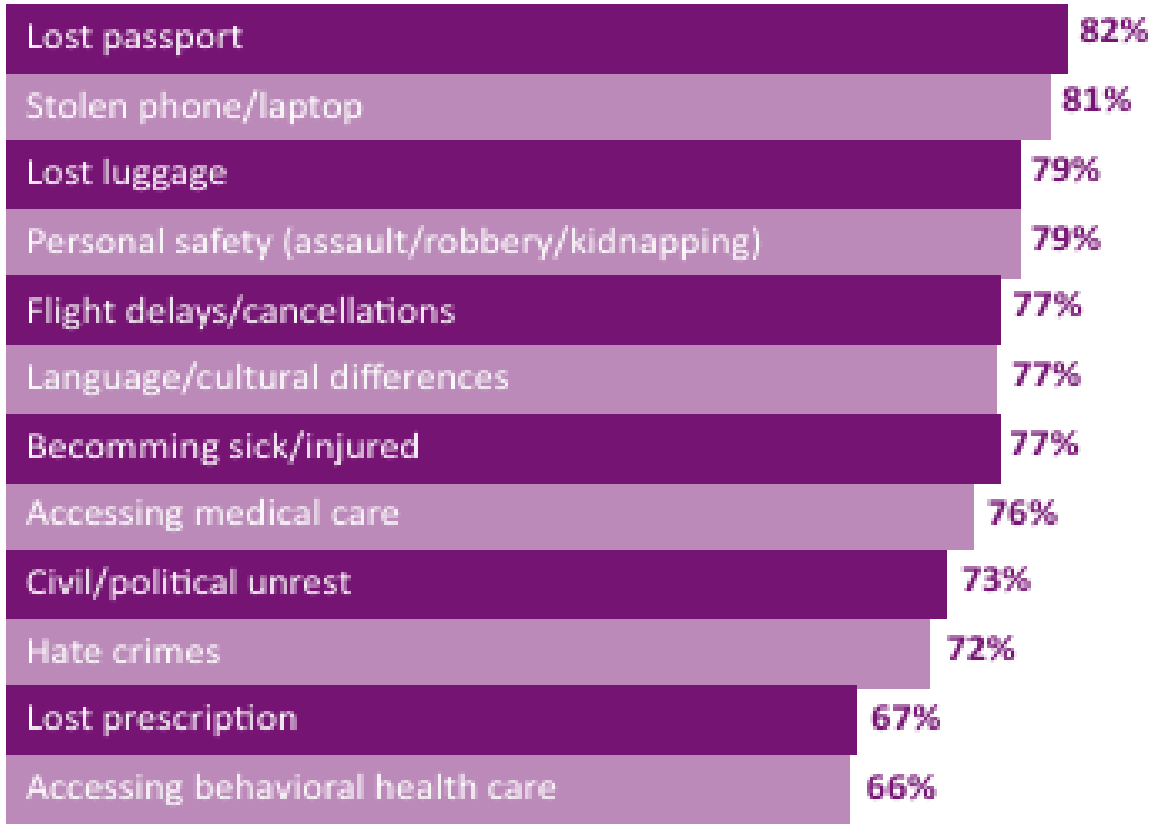
Top Concerns – Domestic Travelers

% of respondents Concerned or Very Concerned about:



Top Concerns – International Travelers

% of respondents Concerned or Very Concerned about:



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PREPARATION IS PREVENTION

- Share your itinerary with someone you trust
- Keep copies of IDs, passports, and insurance cards
- Verify reservations and transportation plans
- Check weather and local conditions
- Pack medications and emergency contacts

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Avoid distractions while walking
- Keep your head up instead of looking at your phone
- Trust your instincts
- If something feels wrong, leave

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PROTECT YOURSELF WHERE YOU STAY

- Choose reputable hotels
- Elevators
- Key cards
- Use deadbolts and security latches
- Know emergency exits
- Don't publicly announce your room number
- Meet unknown visitors in public areas

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GETTING AROUND SAFELY

- Verify ride-share driver and vehicle information
- Sit in the back seat when using ride-share services
- If you haven’t rode a scooter or E-bike before, think twice about renting one.
- Keep doors locked when driving
- Avoid isolated parking areas
- Don't leave valuables visible in vehicles

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BE ALERT

- Fake taxi services
- Overly helpful strangers
- Distraction thefts
- Fake emergency requests
- High-pressure situations

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – TRAVEL TIPS

Prepare

Be Aware

Location of Stay

Get Around Safely

Stay Alert

Travel safety depends on making informed decisions, staying aware of potential risks, and taking proactive steps to protect yourself, your personal information, and your well-being throughout your trip.

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WHY TRAVEL INCREASES CYBER RISK

- Phishing and social engineering
- Device theft and loss
- Shoulder surfing
- Fake charging stations
- Hotel business centers
- Fatigue, urgency, and distraction

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ESSENTIAL TRAVEL SECURITY HABITS

- Verify networks before connecting
- Use approved VPN services
- Keep software updated
- Enable MFA everywhere possible
- Lock devices when unattended
- Avoid suspicious links, attachments, and QR codes

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SECURE YOUR DEVICES BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

1. Full disk encryption
2. Minimize local data storage
3. Use approved cloud storage
4. Remove unnecessary sensitive files
5. Enable remote wipe
6. Keep endpoint protection updated
7. Do not save passwords in browsers
8. Limit cached credentials and tokens

IF YOU SUSPECT A COMPROMISE

1. Stop working immediately
2. Do not investigate yourself
3. Disable network connections
4. Stop using public Wi-Fi
5. Disconnect VPN if instructed
6. Preserve the device
7. Report immediately. Minutes matter.

A LOST DEVICE SHOULD BE AN EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT EVENT, NOT A DATA BREACH EVENT.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – CYBERSECURITY

Travel Securely

Report Quickly

Assume Nothing

Verify Everything

Cyber incidents are often caused by rushed decisions, not sophisticated attacks.

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QUESTIONS?

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