



# Going on Vacation? Take These Crucial Tips with You to Protect Your Identity on the Go

Protecting your identity and online privacy is now more important than ever. However, it is even more important when traveling.

## 5 Simple Tips to Protect Your Identity and Online Privacy:

### 1 Put your phone under lock and key.

It is important to keep your phone guarded at all times. If it is lost or stolen, make sure that you have a lock set in place with a PIN code, password, pattern, or biometrics login. You should also update and change your passwords to ensure you are not using the same password for all your online accounts.

### 2 Don't surf naked in public (on your board OR on the web).

When using public wi-fi networks, including those made available through airports and hotels, use a Virtual Private Network (VPN). A VPN allows you to protect your data while using other networks, keeping your browsing history, passwords, etc. hidden.

### 3 Treat important documents like precious gems.

It is important to limit the number of personally identifiable documents you carry on your person. When not needed, keep these important documents, like your passport, locked in the provided safe at your destination. Before you travel, make copies of these important documents and pack them so you have access in case something happens to the originals.

### 4 Leave no trace (or as little as possible).

Check your bank account statements and credit report before and after your trip so you're aware of your current status. Pay in cash when possible and minimize use your of debit card. Be mindful when using ATMs and and if possible, do not give your credit card to your server.

### 5 Invest in 360-degree online privacy and identity protection.

Cyber-thieves are relentlessly trying to hack the data of innocent victims, even as you are reading this. An identity protection plan, like IDShield, monitors your driver's license, credit card and passport numbers, and other personally identifiable information on the dark web. With IDShield, you can also monitor your financial accounts and have access to a VPN, anti-malware/mobile security, and a password manager. IDShield also provides a reputation management service where you can scan your social media accounts for potential reputationally damaging content that might have been uploaded while on vacation.

Always remember your security starts with what you do to stay proactive. IDShield can help you protect your identity and online privacy while at home and on vacation. Travel safe with IDShield!

If you are not enrolled in IDShield, you can enroll during your employer's next open enrollment period.