

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY When You're Traveling

Don't let criminals steal your identity
when you're abroad.



TRAVEL RISKS



Every two seconds
someone's identity
is stolen



13.1 million
identity theft
victims



39%
of survey
respondents became
identity theft victims
while traveling
or knew someone
who did



1 in 5
consumers had
an item with
sensitive information
lost or stolen
while traveling



8,000
mobile devices
lost at
U.S. airports



BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Documents: Scan and store important travel documents in a secure online repository for easy access when identification is stolen or lost.

Be Smart: Register in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program for government alerts and tips.

Travel Light: Take only what you need. Leave behind checkbooks, Social Security cards and credit cards you won't use.

Mail: Put mail on "postal hold" at your local postal office or online.

Home: Make your home look lived-in by arranging for someone you trust to pick-up newspapers and deliveries.

Bank: Update banks, credit unions and credit card issuers with travel plans and activate fraud alerts.



WHILE YOU'RE TRAVELING

Money belts: Use money belts and sturdy shoulder bags with straps across the chest to keep valuables safe.

Safes: Place cash, credit cards and passports in hotel safe whenever not in use.

Wi-Fi: Avoid using public computers to access anything sensitive.

Social Media: By telling people where you are, you are also telling them where you aren't—at home.



HOW TO GET HELP

Suspect you're a victim of identity theft?

Many providers offer identity services from CyberScout for low or no cost.

- **Insurers**
- **Banks and Credit Unions**
- **Employers**

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