Technology is a key asset during our vacations. We use it for travel planning, purchases and staying in contact with family and friends. Cybercriminals count on vacationers being easily distracted and willing to use unfamiliar resources to stay connected.

“Unlike some students, cybercriminals don't take the summer off” said David Capps, CU's Chief Information Security Officer. “Remain vigilant in doing the same security things during the summer that you do—should do—during the school year.”

Take these steps for a cybersecure adventure.

- Update your devices’ software before you leave. They often include vital security updates for your operating system and apps.
- Password-protect your devices to keep them secure if lost or stolen. Prevent others from spying over your shoulder as you enter passwords.
- Use trustworthy and secure Wi-Fi networks. Wi-Fi offered in public places such as airports, restaurants, and coffee shops are often unsecured. If you must use them to
share personal information or make purchases, use a virtual private network or VPN for an encrypted connection.

- Be cautious about what you share on social media before or during your vacation. The information could be used by criminals for cyber or physical theft. Share your journey after you return home.

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