Keep cool with these cybertips

Don't let summer fun distract you from being cyber-safe!

Summer is a time full of fun and vacations! It's also a busy time for cybercriminals who want to steal your information. Keep your cool and stop the hackers with our safety tips!

Here are some great travel security tips![1]

Be wary of QR codes. With many businesses now using QR codes, hackers see this as an opportunity to steal your data. Think before scanning a code. If possible, locate the business website through your phone's web browser to access the information needed.

Avoid free Wi-Fi. Free Wi-Fi seems convenient, especially when you're on the road. Unfortunately, free Wi-Fi is not secure and exposes your personal information to hackers.

Be careful what devices you bring. If you don't need it, don't bring it! The less you pack, the less you might lose.

Share trip news after you return. Excited to share your vacation pictures on social media? Wait until you get home. If a hacker knows you're out of town, they can use that information to manipulate others.

Confirm you have everything before leaving. Take time packing and make sure you have everything you need.

Keep track of your devices. Always be careful about where you put your phones, laptops and USB drives. Never leave them unattended in public places!

Scams for the summer

1. Free vacation!

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers will try to lure you with emails promising free flights, vacations or hotels, all by clicking a single link. But be warned — if you click that link, you might have been phished!

2. Faux sales!

Hackers may pretend to be businesses and send emails with exclusive offers and coupons. Just click the link attached! Check the sender and the company's website to see if these deals are true.

3. Preventing hacks

Make sure you are up to date with all your software and take any training that has been assigned to you! When opening emails, pay attention to who the email is actually coming from, and look for spelling errors in the body of the message. Avoid clicking the link contained within the email, and try going directly to the company's site through your browser.

Cyber-statistics to keep an eye on[2]

As we hit the halfway mark for the year, here are some statistics to keep an eye on.

1. Malware and phishing remain the most common causes of cyberattacks. Together, they make up almost half of all attack vectors

2. In 2021, over 60% of companies were targeted by software supply chain attacks.

3. Social engineering attacks are becoming more sophisticated and harder to detect. A business with less than 100 employees will see 350% more attacks than an enterprise business.[3]

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