



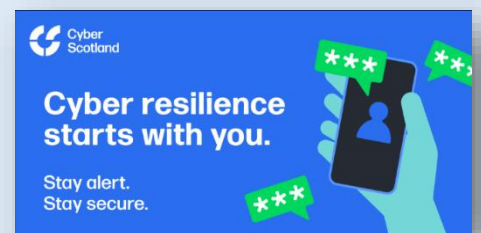
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## Summer Holiday Cyber Safety

**Protecting your devices and online accounts, while travelling, is an essential tip to ensure your personal data remains secure.**

Mobile phones, laptops and tablets will top the list of things to pack as we all want to stay connected while on holiday, but devices can be lost and be an easy target for thieves.

This link, to the NCSC, will [highlight the importance of setting up 2SV and MFA to your devices and important accounts](#) to prevent unauthorised access to your devices – if lost or stolen – but also unauthorised access to your accounts and personal data.



It is also essential that you have done your data backups, not just of emails and other important information but also your treasured photographs. This link to the NCSC will support you with [how to back up your data](#) along with detailed backup instructions for Google, Microsoft and Apple platforms.

You can also [save data backups to removeable media](#), by doing this you will have two backups of your most important data.

Public Wi Fi can be convenient but there are considerations we have to be aware of, such as connecting to a [fake Wi Fi](#) created by a cyber criminal, by doing so they will have access to your online activity.

Instead, connect online using your data plan from your network provider, which will have built-in security or, if you must use public Wi Fi, do so using a VPN (Virtual Private Network)

A VPN encrypts your internet connection and enhances your online security. Our partners at Getsafeonline have also produced this informative article to support you with [VPN guidance](#).

We want you to enjoy your holiday and also to be able to enjoy your online experience seamlessly and safely while you're away. The practical tips in this Cyber Byte will support you with this and we have included the links below for some additional guidance.

[Protecting your devices | National Cyber Security Centre](#)

[Oversharing - Get Safe Online](#)

[Holiday & Travel Booking - Get Safe Online](#)

**If you have been a victim of crime, and it is not an ongoing emergency, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101.**