

# 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 IDT911 for low or no cost.

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

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