JUNE PRIVACY TIPS

Before embarking on your sweet summer vacation, consider the following tips to protect you and your family from identity theft and fraud during your travels!

IT'S TRAVEL TIME

GETTING READY TO GO

• Check your settings and set up "find my phone" feature

Make sure to check your devices' privacy and security settings. Set limits on how and whom you're sharing your information such as your location, personal/work numbers or email addresses, etc.. Turn on that fancy "find my device" feature on your devices to allow you to not only locate your devices but it will also give you the power to wipe or disable them if they get in the wrong hands.

• Password protect all your devices and backup your files

Set your devices to require a PIN or additional security feature (fingerprint or facial scan) to keep them locked in case they get misplaced or stolen. While you are setting your passwords, go ahead and back your files up on a secured cloud or an external drive in the circumstance that you lose complete access to all your data.

• Update your software

Keeping your devices' software up-to-date means all the security features are updated that can protect you against the latest cybersecurity concerns.

ON THE GO

• Use secure wi-fi

Public and free wifi is surely tempting but avoid accessing your key accounts such as emails and banking apps while connected to a public wifi. Your personal data is more at-risk in public networks. If possible, use a personal hotspot to securely surf the web.

• Be mindful of what you share online

Think twice before sharing your awesome vacation photos online or better yet, wait until you're back home as you may not want everyone to know that you are away.

• Stop auto-connecting

Turn off remote connectivity and Bluetooth as these enable your devices to connect wirelessly with other devices. Disable these features so that you only connect to wireless and Bluetooth networks when you want to. With these features on, it gives roving cyber criminals access to your devices and you don't want that!

For additional information:
- https://www.idtheftcenter.org/post/travel-safe-with-these-cybersecurity-protection-tips/
- https://www.consumerreports.org/digital-security/what-you-need-to-know-about-cyber-safety-while-traveling-a8083265080
- https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/high-risk-travelers.html