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Thanksgiving Cyber-Security Tips

It is time for turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, pumpkin pie, and traveling to Grandma's house to enjoy the Thanksgiving festivities! While this might be one of the happiest times of the year, it is easy to forget that there are still hackers out there who are working over-time during the holiday season to steal your information.

We have listed a few tips for how to stay cyber-safe during this Thanksgiving holiday from CNBC's website:

- 1. Update your passwords before & after traveling.** It is never fun to have to remember a new password, but having a strong password, and turning on two-factor authentication are great practices to get in the habit of. After you are home from your travels, immediately change your password just in case it was compromised.
- 2. Backup your devices before leaving.** Family pictures, important documents or emails are not replaceable if a device is stolen or infected with malware. It is always a good idea to backup your devices before traveling to avoid heartache if something were to happen and you lost everything.
- 3. Turn Wi-Fi and Bluetooth off while traveling.** It is easy to want to use Wi-Fi while traveling, but you never know who is on the other side waiting to hack into your device.
- 4. No over-sharing on social media.** While it is fun to "check-in" to places or make fun posts about family, wait until you are home from your travels to do so. You never know who is looking at your profile and you may give them all the information they need to break in to your house and take precious belongings.

For more information, please visit this site: <https://www.cnbc.com/2015/11/24/un-hack-me-tips-for-staying-cyber-safe-at-thanksgiving.html>



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