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## 10 Cybersecurity Tips For a Safe Holiday Season



Don't let a cybersecurity incident ruin your holiday season. Follow the tips below to help keep both your company-issued and personal devices and data safe during your holiday travels:

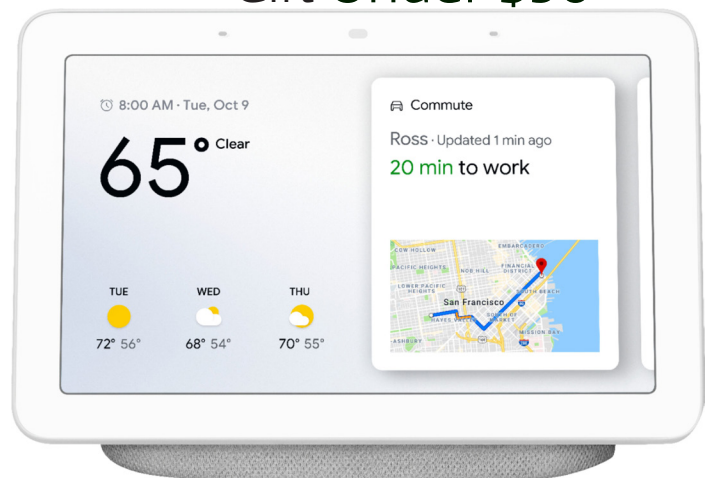
1. Lock your devices. Lock your laptop and mobile devices using a fingerprint/face ID or PIN. This is your first line of defense if your device is lost or stolen.
2. Physically secure your devices. Never leave your device unattended. Do not put devices in checked luggage or leave them in hotel rooms. If you use your laptop in a public space consider using a privacy screen and a locking cable.
3. Use your own power adapters and cords. Public USB ports may contain malware that an attacker can use to access your devices. This could include USB ports in airports and hotel lamps.
4. Report lost and stolen devices. Immediately notify your company's security officer or IT department if your company-issued device is lost or stolen.
5. Avoid public WiFi and disable auto-connect. Free WiFi is vulnerable to cyber-attacks. Turn off any auto-connect features on your devices to avoid inadvertently joining public WiFi. Turn off Bluetooth too as attackers can use this to gain access to your device.
6. Change your passwords. Before you travel, change passwords that you regularly use. Then change them again when you get home. Avoid using the same password on multiple sites. Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible.
7. Ensure your operating and security systems are up to date. This includes systems on your laptop and mobile devices (including apps). Using the latest anti-virus software is an effective way to protect your data. For company-issued devices, only use programs approved by your company.
8. Encrypt. Encrypt sensitive information on mobile devices. Laptops should have full-disk encryption.
9. Back-up your data. Before you travel, make sure your personal data is backed-up and secure. Check your company's data back-up policies for information related to your company-issued devices.
10. Follow policies and procedures. Whenever you travel, ensure that you remain compliant with your company's security policies and procedures to protect your company-issued device and data.



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### Nest Hub 7" Smart Display with Google Assistant

This is designed for hands-free help at a glance and lets you view today's reminders, stream videos and watch your smart security camera's footage through Google Assistant!



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### Click & Grow Smart Garden

An innovative indoor garden that cares for itself and grows fresh, flavourful herbs, fruits and vegetables for you.



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### Tineco A10 Hero Cordless Vacuum

Help your loved ones cut the cord with this nifty Tineco cordless vacuum. It's lightweight, delivers up to 25 minutes of uninterrupted runtime and can be mounted on your wall for convenient storage.

# Celebrating the Holidays Virtually

## Make it Interactive

Send your employees a party-themed gift basket or physical gift that can be included in the virtual holiday party.

*For example, a fun mug to toast with or fun party hat or prop to have fun with on camera!*

## Include The Whole Family

Working from home makes it almost impossible to not have the family included. Having a virtual contest such as a gingerbread house decorating challenge is a great way to get employees families involved in the fun.



## Turn Catered Into Delivered!

There are a variety of food delivery services that employers can take part in that will allow employees to enjoy a nice meal from the comfort of their own home.

*Some delivery services that cater to remote workers are DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub and Postmates*

## Host Team Building Events

The key to hosting engaging team building events is communicating with employees and creating an event based around everyone's interests.

*For example, games that can be played are, Pictionary, Charades, draw the picture or hosting a scavenger hunt*

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*Dakin C., M Neils Engineering, Inc.*



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*Pete R., Strata IT*