Whether you travel for business or for pleasure, we have seven tips to make your journey smooth sailing.

1. **Avoid public WiFi unless you have a VPN.**
   VPNs (virtual private networks) provide an encrypted connection between your device and the network you are accessing. Without one, criminals can easily snag your sensitive data.

2. **Password-protect everything.**
   Your phones. Your laptops. Your tablets. Anything that can be password-protected should be. With strong, unique passwords, of course!

3. **Keep an eye on it.**
   Never leave your devices out in the open where they can be stolen. Even though a thief would have to crack your strong password, it’s still no fun losing a laptop.

4. **Keep eyes off of it.**
   Watch out for shoulder surfers! If you must access sensitive information in a public place, dim your screen and consider using a privacy screen protector.

5. **Pack light.**
   Do you need to carry every smart device you own with you on the road? Perhaps, when on vacation, you should leave your laptop or fitness tracker at home.

6. **Plan ahead.**
   Download any apps, software updates, music, movies, etcetera, before leaving so you’re not having to do so on a public network or when you need to preserve battery life.

7. **Enable remote access.**
   Remote access, such as Find My iPhone and Android Device Manager, allows you to locate your smartphone in the event it is lost or stolen. You can also reset it to factory default, removing all personal information.