Device Security and Loaner Program

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Secure Data Travel Recommendations – Highlights

Before Travel:

- Backup your data. IS&T makes CrashPlan available for free to the community
- If don't have currently: encrypt your devices; install security applications (Crowdstrike, Sophos, VPN client)
- Bring the least amount of information and data on the fewest devices possible. Store potentially sensitive material on an encrypted flash drive
- Consider new loaner device program (more to come)

During Travel:

- Use MIT's VPN (if not prohibited) to create a more secure connection between your devices and the resources you need to access
- Do not use unknown USB drives
- Avoid downloading and using apps that sync data, and instead use outlook.com or owa.mit.edu for email, Dropbox on the web, etc.

After Travel:

- If you traveled with a loaner device, or wiped your devices before traveling:
  - Copy any data you've modified onto an external drive
  - Scan the data for viruses. IS&T makes Sophos anti-virus software available for free for the community
- Reset passwords

FREE Loaner Device Program

Why should I borrow loaner devices?

- Using loaner device is more straightforward than the complex process of configuring your personal device
- Devices are already configured with settings to achieve a more secure computing experience
- Less risk with loss/theft or confiscation. IS&T can lock or wipe the devices to protect the data they contain under certain scenarios

What devices are being offered?

- Travelers may request up to one laptop, one tablet, and one phone (free cellular data plans available if needed)
- A base suite of apps are currently installed on all issued devices. Additional apps may be added to devices upon request; we are flexible and will review all app requests to ensure the devices are able to support your work

Who can borrow devices?

- Faculty, staff, and students

When should I borrow devices?

- Can borrow anytime you are traveling abroad (business or personal) and encourage this
- MIT **strongly recommends** borrowing devices when traveling to any destination with a **Level 3 or higher** travel advisory designated by the U.S. Department of State

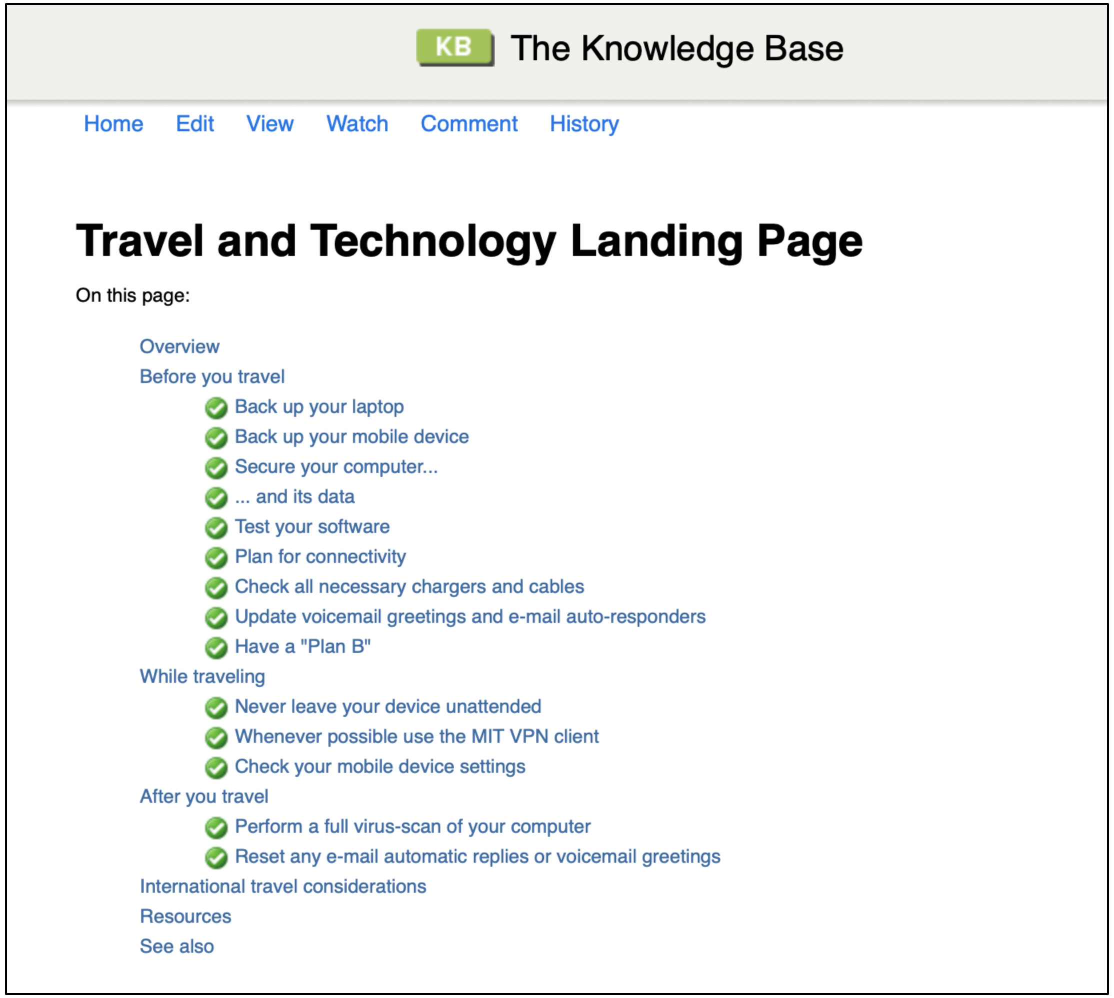
How do I submit a request?

- Visit IS&T's Secure Devices for International Travel website to learn more and submit your request

Additional IT Guidance

- Travel and Technology guidance in the Knowledge Base
- Secure Travel Recommendations for "High Risk" destinations
- Secure Devices for International Travel IS&T loaner program
- Protecting Information at MIT

Questions? Email ist-loaners@mit.edu



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