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SAFE SECURE VACATION



Vacation season is upon us and most of us are excited about the warm weather, cookouts and spending time with our loved ones. The [Better Business Bureau](#) publishes tips on avoiding vacation scams each year. The tips are good reminders of steps to take in ensuring that your time away is restful and relaxing. In a blog titled, "[8 Tips for Avoiding a Vacation Scam](#)," by BBB there were tips related to many subjects including how to be more tech-savvy:

1. Whether you are searching for deals or completing the booking, be sure to check the URLs. If you notice the brand name as a subdomain of another URL, throw a caution flag. For example, if you see something like, [www.mysites.priceline.com](#), or [www.travedeals.expedia.com](#), be cautious.
2. Always use a secure connection. They start with "HTTPS" and have a lock icon.

For more tips, visit the [BBB.org](#) website or visit [Delaware's BBB](#) website.

ABOUT YOUR GETAWAY...

Did you post on Facebook? Tweet on Twitter? Send pictures on Instagram or Snapchat?

We all like sharing our experiences, but how much you share is important. Let's say that you post EVERYTHING about your vacation on social media. First, you may ask your friends for vacation ideas. Next, you could share search results. Then, you post your experience all over social media.

If your social media account settings are not locked down, you could be unintentionally broadcasting to strangers that your residence is vacant and a prime target for a burglar. Do you really want "friends of friends" that you've never met to see all that information?

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CHECKLIST

The checklist below is a helpful quick reference:

- Update the antivirus on your mobile devices.
- Pay attention to the URLs you are clicking.
- Only use known Wi-Fi connections when traveling (usually a password is required).
- Remember to use strong passwords.
- Don't use the same password for all your accounts.
- Tighten down your "Privacy Settings" for social media accounts.
- Don't talk to strangers online.

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