



How to Travel Securely

What you need to know

Research Security
Research Services Offices

Hostile foreign actors are increasingly seeking access to sensitive and proprietary information, targeting Canadian researchers travelling abroad for their access to information, data, and partners.

Regardless of your position, research or role at the University of Calgary, you could be a **potential person of interest** to hostile foreign actors.

Register your travel with [UCalgary Risk Management](#) and the [Government of Canada](#) and contact Research Security for tailored travel security guidance.

Cyber Risk

Cyber Risk is defined as risk associated with computer software, systems and networks.

Here are some helpful tips:

- 🔒 Use the UCalgary **Loaner Device Program**
- 🔒 Avoid connecting to public/unsecured networks, including hotel WiFi, without using a **Virtual Private Network (VPN)**
- 🔒 Only travel with the necessities, including research data and results
- 🔒 Do not access the UCalgary network or cloud storage without using a VPN
- 🔒 Avoid using public charging stations
- 🔒 Do not click on links or download materials from suspicious emails
- 🔒 Always maintain positive control of your devices and their peripherals
- 🔒 Turn off devices when travelling through security and customs

Human Risk

Human Risk is associated with the disclosure of information to others through personal interactions.

Here are some helpful tips:

- 🔒 Limit the amount of information or data you are travelling with
- 🔒 Avoid discussing your work/reason for travel in public spaces
- 🔒 Be wary of gifts, especially electronic gifts, and never plug unknown devices into UCalgary equipment/systems
- 🔒 Ask yourself what is normal – strangers/unfamiliar individuals that strike up conversations can have ulterior motives
- 🔒 Limit information you share on social media on your travel and refrain from posting real-time updates

In case of an incident:

If your device is taken from you by an official, is lost or stolen, **contact Campus Security at +1.403.220.5333 (call collect) or assist@ucalgary.ca**. Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Cyber security incidents can be reported by going to <https://ucalgary.ca/it> and clicking on “Identify and report a Cyber Security Incident/Information Security Incident.”

For technical support, please contact UService at +1.403.210.9300 or <https://ucalgary.ca/it>. UService is available during regular UCalgary business hours 8AM MT to 4:30PM MT.