

# Summer Cybersecurity Checklist:

## Before departure:

- **Is the home router secure and - if applicable - is the respective security software up to date?**

*The provider's manual and website can help here.*

- **Which devices in the home can be switched off during the trip?**

*Pro tip: Plug in a power strip with an on/off switch and disconnect everything that is not being used anyway. This will also prevent the device from becoming a security problem.*

- **Which devices will you take with you?**

*Download operating system updates and security solutions in your own network before you leave.*

## For Smart Home owners:

*Go through the complete setup again, update apps and control modules. Take a closer look at security solutions such as motion detectors, cameras, etc. and also research information on so-called "false positives". Summer heat, for example, can lead to expansion of material and thus malfunction of sensors - and false warnings.*

## On the move:

- **Are all devices protected by password, fingerprint or facial recognition?**

*Especially on trains and planes, smartphones and laptops are often left in the public. But even at rest stops you never know who is sitting next to you.*

- **Is the WLAN secure? (Most are not.)**

*If in doubt, set up a hotspot via your smartphone and accept the additional costs. If necessary, follow the instructions of your IT department, even before installing a VPN.*

- **Don't forget the plug!**

*USB charging points may be well-intentioned, but they can also be misused for unwanted data transfer. Therefore, it is better to be on the safe side and take your own (multi-) plug with you.*

## At the holiday resort:

- **A hotel room or holiday flat is a public place!**

*If possible, switch off your laptop and smartphone and keep them in the safe. Do not let the devices out of your sight, even at the pool or beach. If work equipment is in your luggage: Pay attention on the compliance arrangements of your employer!*

- **Double caution against phishing emails & SMS!**

*Especially if an automatic out-of-office message also gives every external contact a hint about personal holiday time.*

