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SUMMER BREAK EDITION

Summer mode on. Security still on.

District laptops ride along to beaches, ballfields and family visits. A few habits keep them safe on hotel Wi-Fi, and keep your out-of-office reply from becoming a scammer's cheat sheet.

1

Update before you go

Install pending updates and restart your district device before break. Store it out of sight and out of a hot car. If it's lost or stolen, tell the help desk right away so they can lock it.

2

Keep out-of-office replies boring

Say when you're back and who to contact by role, like 'the front office'. Skip travel plans, your cell number and your boss's name. Scammers use those details to impersonate you or your principal.

3

Hotel Wi-Fi: watch the pop-ups

Public Wi-Fi is safer than it used to be, but fake pop-ups aren't. Never install an 'update' or enter your district password on a hotel sign-in page. Unsure? Use your phone's hotspot.

Spot the scam

Pop-up External

Hotel Wi-Fi sign-in page <seaside-inn-guest-wifi.example/login>

Welcome, guest. Connect to continue.

To use guest Wi-Fi, your browser needs a security update. Download the Wi-Fi Shield tool to continue. Teachers and school staff get free premium speed all summer: just sign in with your school email and password to unlock it. This offer expires when you close this window. Enjoy your stay with us.

Spot the scam: how many red flags can you find?

Red flags I found: ◯ ◯ ◯ ◯ ◯

Look for: surprise, urgency, secrecy, an unusual payment method, a sender or link you can't confirm.

FUN FACT

Myth buster: the FTC says connecting through public Wi-Fi is usually safe now, because most websites and apps encrypt your data. The bigger risk is a fake site or pop-up that asks for your information.

Source: FTC Consumer Advice: Are Public Wi-Fi Networks Safe? What You Need To Know

Your 60-second move

Draft your out-of-office reply now: your return date plus 'contact the front office'. That's it. Save it for your last day.

Who do I tell?

Name / ext. _____

Report channel _____

ANSWER

Five flags: a Wi-Fi page that wants to update your browser, a surprise download, a 'free' perk, a request for your school password and a fake countdown. Safe move: close it. Ask the front desk for the real network name or use your phone's hotspot, and never enter your district password on a hotel page.

- A Wi-Fi sign-in page has no reason to update your browser.
- A download you didn't ask for can be malware.
- A 'free' perk aimed at educators is the bait.
- No hotel page needs your school password.
- A fake countdown to rush you.

Scan for a 2-minute lesson on caring for your devices

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