

# Traveling with Electronic Devices

---

Background: Effective 2x March 2017, travelers on flights originating from certain countries will not be able carry on electronic items larger than a smartphone.

Traveling with electronic devices in checked baggage significantly increase the risk of device or data theft, as well as physical damage. This article will help you make the necessary preparations to safely check your laptops and other electronic devices.

## General Precautions

- Use hard-sided luggage with locks. The locks are often removed by security, however they provide some protection during parts of the transit
- Keep devices in padded sleeves designed for the purpose
- Store items as close to the center of your luggage as possible to protect it from hard knocks
- Completely power off the devices
- Ensure that PIN codes or passwords are configured at startup in order to access the devices
- Limit the amount of personal information stored on devices that could be compromised. Remove any sync'd filesharing applications such as Dropbox, Onedrive or Box and make sure the previously sync'd files are removed and the Recycle Bin emptied.
- Remove any portable media such as thumb drives or data cards and keep them with you
- For mobile devices, ensure that encryption is enabled according to the manufacturer's instructions. Note that Apple iOS devices (iPhones and iPads) are encrypted by default. Android and other mobile devices require you to enable encryption.
- For laptops, consider encrypting the hard drive if sensitive data must be stored on it.
- PATH work files should be stored in either Box, SharePoint, or a network file share. Ensure that all of your data is stored in one of these locations.

## Related Articles

*Related articles appear here based on the labels you select. Click to edit the macro and add or change labels.*

<http://money.cnn.com/2017/03/21/news/airline-electronics-ban-middle-east-africa/index.html?iid=EL>