



Protect yourself from espionage when travelling

Are you going travelling for work?

Foreign intelligence services may be interested in you and your knowledge. It is often easier for them to gain access to what they want when you are in unfamiliar settings - and they are on home turf.

Below you will find some advice on how to protect yourself against espionage before, during and after your trip. This advice is also useful when travelling in Denmark and for private purposes.

Before your trip:

1. Check your travel policy

Here, the organization should have made a number of decisions for you, for example in relation to IT security. Maybe you have phones for use when travelling and security bags for transporting sensitive documents.

2. Assess the risk

The risk depends on your knowledge, your contacts and your destination. In general, there is a risk as soon as you leave your workplace, but it makes a difference whether you are going to Moscow or Malmö.

3. Only bring the essentials

Foreign intelligence services cannot get their hands on information and equipment which you leave at home.

During your trip:

1. Keep an eye on your belongings

When travelling, you may easily lose focus and control of the most important things. Not least at the airport or the hotel, on the metro and in the conference room. For example, bring sensitive material as hand luggage rather than putting it in your checked baggage.

2. Increase IT security

As far as possible, avoid using public WiFi and equipment and enable two-factor authentication on all accounts possible.

3. Be aware of your behaviour

Avoid bringing yourself in situations that put you at risk of subsequent blackmail. It is always a good idea to travel in groups rather than alone.

After your trip:

1. Evaluate with your travel companions

Did you witness any suspicious incidents or risky situations? Have you been contacted unexpectedly after your return? Report it to the security officer at your organization.

2. Return borrowed IT equipment

If you have been working with documents, excel sheets or other files which are only found locally on the borrowed equipment, you should make a copy. If in doubt, ask your IT department. ■



Further information

For more information about espionage, see the Assessment of the Espionage Threat to Denmark on www.pet.dk

For more information about your destination, see the travel advice of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark on www.um.dk

Learn more about IT security when travelling on www.cfcs.dk and on www.sikkerdigital.dk

Would you like to know more about travel security? Book a briefing from PET's advisers through raadgivning@pet.dk