

Many roaming seniors are not up on the latest advances in computer tech. One aspect they must try to understand is how vulnerable their current device, especially smartphone, is to thievery.

A basic rule is to be careful what you post on social media. Communicating photos of official paperwork with family and friends while you travel can be hacked by smart thieves. For example, posting financial info with your Social Security or bank account number could allow them to make transactions in your name that could cost you considerable money.

Another danger could come from merely posting your personal photos online as you travel, along with details about your ongoing schedule. A local hacker could read the message, and knowing you won't be in your house for awhile, set up a burglary there.