



Travelling Abroad with University Information

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1. Introduction

When travelling abroad and taking University



Be aware, though, that even with a licence, your device may still be searched and you may be asked to unencrypt it.

Note that taking an encrypted device to certain countries without possession of the appropriate licences could violate the import regulations of that country. This could result in the confiscation of the laptop, fines and/or other penalties.

Remember that the laws of a country can change at any time - before travelling internationally, it is important to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information about travelling with encrypted devices. You can obtain this from the embassy of the country.

Surely my smartphone will be safe?

In most countries, yes, but there are some countries where phone tapping and interference with devices in hotel rooms is a real possibility, including putting monitoring software onto the smartphone or tablet to obtain data remotely. In some cases it may be better to take a plain old phone-only handset that



You must assume that any overseas government has the right to access your data and you should therefore be prepared to show it to them if necessary. Otherwise you should avoid taking it and should discuss alternative arrangements with IT Services such as remote access and / or a temporary loan laptop and phone.

If you are researcher you should also be aware of the terms of any funding or data sharing agreements that you have in place which may contain restrictions.