Unisys’ Tips to be Security Savvy at Big Events

Here are some tips for staying safe and secure when traveling to, and attending, major sporting events, concerts and festivals. Have a great time, but stay safe doing it!

1. Only buy event tickets from official channels or websites you trust
   Make sure the website you’re using to buy tickets shows the secure ‘padlock’ icon in the browser and the address begins ‘https://’. And, remember, if ticket prices look too good to be true, they probably are.

2. Plan ahead and check local authorities’ alerts
   Sign up to any travel or news alerts provided or recommended by the event organiser to receive updates on traffic or news of any potential disturbances on the day.

3. If you’re going to a crowded event alone, let someone know
   Make sure your friends or family know where you’re going, when you plan to arrive, and when you’re expected to return.

4. As soon as you get to the event, survey your surroundings
   Make sure you know where the exits are and agree on a meeting place with your friends in case you should get separated from your group. Locate stewards and information points so you know where they are if needed.

5. Don’t make electronic transactions at unofficial event vendors
   Be careful with your contactless cards or making mobile transactions, particularly outside event venues. Unscrupulous traders could be gathering your financial data to use or sell to other criminals.

6. Update your mobile and avoid unsecured Wi-Fi networks
   Update your phone with the latest software, so it’s as secure as it can be, and only use password-protected Wi-Fi. Unprotected Wi-Fi networks can give hackers access to personal data on your phone.

7. Be vigilant for suspicious activity at an event
   Don’t be afraid to report something you think is unusual, such as unattended baggage or people behaving in a suspicious or threatening way.

8. In an emergency, stay calm and move to the edges of crowds
   Try to leave the area quickly and calmly. If you need to, follow the police’s advice of Run, Hide and Tell. Get away from the incident quickly, hide yourself if need be and, when you can, call and let your family know you are safe.

9. Keep your phone charged in case of emergencies
   If possible, take a battery charger pack with you to ensure you always have your phone as and when you need it.

10. Travel light
    There’s no need to take everything you own to a festival. Leave the valuables at home and travel light, with just the essentials – in your pockets if possible – so you can relax and have a great time.

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