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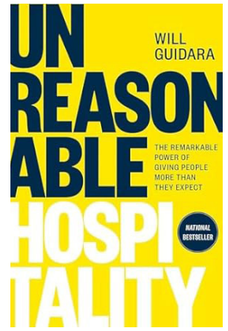

Unreasonable Hospitality:

by Will Guidara

Will Guidara was only 26 when he took over the run-down brasserie Eleven Madison Park and transformed it into a Michelin three-star-winning, world-class restaurant within 11 years. His secret sauce? Over-the-top, out-of-the-box and exceptional hospitality that customers couldn't forget. Unreasonable Hospitality by Will Guidara offers valuable insights for business leaders who don't want to provide simple customer service but rather an extraordinary customer experience. His innovative strategies, like creating bespoke guest experiences and fostering a culture of thoughtful communication within his team, provide practical takeaways for any industry. This book encourages leaders to rethink how they engage with customers and employees, illustrating that extraordinary service can turn routine interactions into powerful, memorable experiences that drive long-term success.

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KAMIND IT's Mission: Assisting Organizations to Utilize Technology to Drive Innovation

Hackers Are Watching: Follow These Simple Steps For Safe Holiday Traveling

As holiday travel picks up, hackers see a prime opportunity to exploit travelers who may let their guard down on their digital security. Security risks like phishing, public WiFi and lost devices can easily compromise your personal information during travel. But it's not just your data at stake – when employees let their guard down, they can unknowingly open the door to threats for their entire company.

According to World Travel Protection, only about 30% of companies require employees to follow basic cyber security measures while traveling. This leaves a significant gap in protection, potentially exposing entire organizations to serious risks. Here's how to safeguard yourself and your business during busy holiday travel.

Safety Tips For Before, During And After A Trip

To avoid the stress of lost devices, stolen data or a security breach that could ruin your trip, make cyber security a priority by taking a few simple steps before, during and after your journey.

Before Your Trip

1. Update All Devices: Software updates often include patches for security vulnerabilities.

2. Back Up Important Data: If your laptop containing vital client presentations is stolen, a cloud-based or other secure backup will allow you to get your data back without significant disruption.

3. Use Multifactor Authentication (MFA): MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring more than just a password to access accounts. This makes it much harder for hackers to gain access, even if they have your password.

4. Restrict Access To Sensitive Data: If you don't need certain files or applications while on the road, temporarily remove access. This reduces the risk of compromised sensitive information if your device is stolen or hacked.

5. Secure Your Devices: Ensure all devices are password-protected and encrypted. Encryption scrambles your data, making it unreadable to unauthorized users.

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Safe Practices While Traveling

1. Avoid Public WiFi: If you must connect, use a virtual private network (VPN) to encrypt your Internet traffic. This acts as a secure tunnel between your device and the Internet, protecting your data from prying eyes.

2. Be Cautious Of Public Charging Stations: Public USB charging stations can be compromised by attackers looking to steal data or install malware on your device – a practice known as "juice jacking." Plug your charger into an electrical outlet or use a USB data blocker, which prevents data transfer.

3. Never Leave Devices Unattended: Always keep your devices with you or securely locked away. If you must leave your laptop in your hotel room, use a physical lock to store it. Never hand your device to strangers, even if they appear to be offering help.

4. Disable Bluetooth: Turn off Bluetooth when not using it, especially in public places. Hackers can exploit open Bluetooth connections to gain access to your devices.

5. Pay Attention To Online Activity: Phishing, business e-mail compromise and online shopping scams are common during the holiday season. Always verify the authenticity of e-mails, especially those requesting sensitive information or urgent action.

Returning Home: Post-Travel Security Check

Security awareness doesn't stop once you get home. Sometimes, you don't know until you return that you've been hacked.

1. Review Account Activity: Once you're back home, review your accounts and look for unusual logins or transactions you didn't initiate.

2. Change Passwords: If you accessed sensitive information while traveling, it's a good idea to change your passwords when you get home. This ensures that any potential compromises during your trip don't lead to long-term issues.

Consider A Company-Wide Travel Policy

To further protect your business, consider implementing a company-wide travel cyber security policy. This policy should outline the expectations and procedures for employees traveling on business or working remotely. Key elements to include are:

- Guidelines for using public networks
- Reporting lost or stolen devices
- Responding to potential security incidents

Following these simple steps will significantly reduce travel-related cyber security risks and ensure that you can travel with peace of mind.

Marc Randolph

Explains How To Get Your Company Thinking Like A Start-Up

After a failed attempt to sell to Blockbuster, Netflix founder Marc Randolph made a life-altering decision: if you can't join 'em, beat 'em. Despite being $50 million in debt, Netflix ultimately succeeded in toppling the video rental giant within a decade. While this story is often seen as a beacon of hope for start-ups, it teaches established companies a different lesson: the real threat may come from an unexpected competitor who targets your weaknesses, not your strengths. Randolph says, "If you're not willing to disrupt yourself, you're leaving it wide-open for someone to disrupt your business for you."

Having worked with numerous early-stage companies, Randolph has identified five key elements that foster innovation and help companies disrupt their markets – or defend against those disruptions. These ideas provide a road map for thinking like a start-up, no matter the size of your company.

1. Innovation Can Happen Anywhere

You don't need to be in Silicon Valley to innovate. Randolph notes, "I just got back from Australia, where I saw a company using drones to implant seeds for reforestation by firing them into the ground from 60 feet up." The Internet has leveled the playing field, making it possible for anyone, anywhere, to develop groundbreaking ideas.

2. You Don't Need To Be A Genius Or Have Special Skills

Randolph knows entrepreneurs from all walks of life. One dropped out of college and transitioned from driving an ambulance to fighting forest fires before starting his own company. Another, a musician who spent a decade in a ska band, created and sold a music-streaming service. Even teenagers are making waves in the business world. "I've found that the most disruptive people are not the A or B students," Randolph says. "They're the C students who managed to navigate the education system without having all the risk-taking squeezed out of them."

3. Embrace Risk, But Not Recklessness

A successful innovator embraces calculated risks that come from starting down a path without knowing exactly where it leads. "If you wait until you've figured out what's around the corner through analysis and research, someone's already beaten you there," Randolph advises.

4. Generate Ideas – Lots of Them

To innovate, you need more than just one good idea – you need hundreds. "It doesn't matter if they're big ideas or even particularly original ones," Randolph says. The Post-it Note, for example, which sells nearly a billion dollars' worth every year, wasn't groundbreaking but proved immensely successful. Knowing in advance if an idea is good or bad is impossible. The only way to find out is to take that risk, build something and put it to the test.

5. Confidence Is Key

Finally, you need confidence in your ideas, even when life gets in the way or others doubt you. "Everyone who has ever taken a shower has had an idea," Randolph quotes Nolan Bushnell, founder of Atari. "But it's the person who gets out of the shower, towels off and does something about it who makes the difference."

"Take the groundhog - now *that's* a sweet gig."