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**At the border:**
- If you are a resident, agents may:
  - Make border agent's suspicious.
  - Be aware: unusual precautions may
    credentialing, and uninstaliliing.
  - Logginout, rejoining saved loggin
    on devices to cloud contant. Consider
    agents use them to get
  - Passwords, so don't rely on them.
  - Fingerprint locks. They are weaker than
  - Power down. Do it before arriving at the
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  - Backup your data.
  - In case agents seize your devices.
  - If you comply, agents may scrutinize and
    copy your sensitive data.
  - If you refuse, agents may seize your
    devices. They also may escalate the encounter.
  - If you are a U.S. citizen, agents must let
    you enter the country.
  - If you enter the country, agents must let
    you time to prepare for example by determining you for more
  - Do not lie.
  - If you refuse, agents may seize your
    devices. They also may escalate the encounter.
  - If you are a lawful permanent resident,
  - If you are a foreign visitor,
  - If you are a U.S. citizen, agents may seize your
  - Do not lie.
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  - Be safe. Stay calm and respectful. Do not lie.

**Before your trip:**
- Reduce the data you carry. Consider using
  - Temporary devices, deleting data from your
  - Regular devices, delivering data to the cloud.
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**After your trip:**
- If you had problems:
  - Contact EFF at borders@eff.org.
  - Write down the details of what happened, including names of officers.

**Want more information?**
- Read EFF’s longer border guide at https://www.eff.org/border-search
- Read EFF’s general surveillance self-defense manual at https://ssd.eff.org

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