U.S. Journalist Assistance Network

Resources for protecting data and devices for journalists in the US

Following the [raid of a Washington Post reporter's home](#) and the seizure of the reporter's electronic devices, the [U.S. Journalist Assistance Network](#) has compiled a set of resources with best practices for journalists in the U.S. to protect their data and devices.

Journalists and newsrooms in the U.S. can take proactive steps to secure their essential data and minimize the amount of sensitive information compromised if their devices are seized.

Essential steps include: Auditing what information you have and where it is stored, encrypting all stored materials and devices, regularly powering down devices, and creating processes for backing up and deleting sensitive data.

[FPF: Safeguarding sources and sensitive information in the event of a raid](#)

[CPJ: Digital Safety: General best practices for protecting sensitive data and sources](#)

[RCFP: The FBI search of a Washington Post reporter's home: What we know and why it matters](#)

[RCFP: Legal Hotline](#)

[FPF: The 2026 journalist's digital security checklist](#)

[FPF: Ask a security trainer: How do I get secure phone backups?](#)

[FPF: Your smartphone and you: A handbook to modern mobile maintenance](#)

[CPJ: Digital Safety Kit: Device security](#)

[CPJ: Digital and Physical Safety: Protecting Confidential Sources](#)

Find more resources for journalists in the U.S. [here](#).

The U.S. Journalist Assistance Network is a coalition of U.S.-based press freedom organizations specializing in digital safety, physical safety, and legal rights, working together to help journalists prepare and stay safe on the job.