

# Utilization of VPN in University Settings as a Reduction of Risk

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Higher education settings have unique security risks in that they traditionally do not have robust security programs, yet faculty and staff frequently travel to conferences and recruiting events in other states and countries. Frequent travel puts university and faculty information and assets at risk, mainly when the faculty and staff use public Wi-Fi. This new research explores VPN usage in a university setting, particularly when using public Wi-Fi. The study focuses on emphasizing the risks of the university and its researchers as an influence on VPN usage behavior.