Juice jacking is a cyberattack in which criminals exploit compromised public USB charging ports to gain unauthorised access to connected smartphones. Such ports may be manipulated to extract sensitive data, including personal information, or install malicious software.

Indian cybersecurity agencies and financial regulators have cautioned commuters against using untrusted charging points at railway stations, airports, hotels and shopping malls. Using a personal charger with an electrical socket or a power bank can reduce this risk.

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