

How to Enable MFA (2-Step Verification)

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), also known as Two-Step Verification, adds a crucial second layer of security to your online accounts. Even if someone steals your password, they won't be able to log in without access to your phone or another verification method. Here's how to turn it on for major platforms.

Personal Google / Gmail

Go to your **Google Account** page by clicking your profile icon in the top-right of any Google service (like Gmail) and selecting "Manage your Google Account."

On the left navigation panel, click **Security**.

Under the "How you sign in to Google" section, click on **2-Step Verification**.

Click **Get Started** and follow the on-screen prompts. You'll likely be asked to link your phone number and choose to receive codes via text message, phone call, or an authenticator app.

Pro Tip: Using an authenticator app like **Google Authenticator** is generally more secure than SMS (text messages).

Yahoo Mail / Yahoo Apps

- Sign in to your Yahoo mail
- Click on your name icon in the upper right then click on **Manage your account**
- Click on **Turn on 2-step verification**.
- Select **Your phone number** for your 2-step verification method.
- Follow the on-screen prompts to complete the process.

Facebook

Click your profile picture in the top-right of Facebook and go to **Settings & Privacy > Settings**.

Navigate to the **Accounts Center** and click on **Password and security**.

Click on **Two-factor authentication** and select the account you want to secure.

You will be prompted to enter your password.

Choose your security method: an **authenticator app** (recommended), a **text message (SMS)**, or a **security key**. Follow the instructions to complete the setup.

Instagram

Go to your profile and tap the **three horizontal lines** (hamburger menu) in the top-right corner.

Tap **Settings and privacy > Accounts Center**.

Tap **Password and security**.

Select **Two-factor authentication** and choose your Instagram account.

Pick your desired method: an **authenticator app**, **WhatsApp**, or **text message (SMS)**, and follow the setup instructions.

X (formerly Twitter)

In the left-hand navigation menu, click **More > Settings and privacy**.

Go to **Security and account access > Security**.

Click on **Two-factor authentication**.

Choose your method: **Text message**, **Authentication app**, or **Security key**. Check the box and follow the prompts to activate it.

TikTok

Tap **Profile** in the bottom-right.

Tap the **three horizontal lines** (hamburger menu) in the top-right corner.

Select **Settings and privacy**.

Tap **Security**.

Tap **2-step verification** and choose at least two methods (e.g., **SMS** and **Email**). Follow the instructions to turn it on.

LinkedIn

Click your **Me** profile icon at the top of your LinkedIn homepage.

Select **Settings & Privacy** from the dropdown menu.

Go to the **Sign in & security** tab.

Under the "Account access" section, find **Two-step verification** and click **Change**.

Click **Turn on** and follow the prompts to set it up using an **authenticator app** or your **phone number (SMS)**.