

# Security

Especially in larger communities, your position makes your accounts — Discord, Minecraft, or other platforms — valuable to those involved in the community (as a member or to intentionally cause disruption). You should take steps to ensure your account is secure to keep the community safe. Here are some basic tips:

1. **Use common sense!** Don't download suspicious files, ensure you trust executables, and be wary of third-party services that require login. If you think something is a red flag, **even if you just have a suspicion, it probably is**. Ask a technical friend if you're unsure.
2. **Use an email address you own!** Your email is used to recover your account if something goes wrong. Make sure you (and only you) have access to your email.
3. **Turn on two-factor authentication!** Two-factor authentication is an extremely powerful security measure and you should have it enabled for as many accounts as possible.
4. **Be careful about logins!** Don't log into devices you don't own. If you need to, use private/incognito mode and close the session when you're finished. Many services allow you to view devices logged into your account. Remove any you don't recognize and change your password.
5. **Don't share your token!** Attackers can gain access to your account with an exposed account token, even with a strong password with two-factor authentication. This token allows logged-in devices to have a temporary key so that you don't have to log in again. An attacker can use that token on their own device, so never share internal app information like the developer console.

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