

# Follow this **Safety Checklist** to secure your account



## Set up 2-step verification

Stolen passwords are more common than you might think. The #1 tip from creators and security experts to avoid unauthorized account access is to enable 2-step verification – which requires a second step after entering password. Use our handy [Security Checkup](#) to ensure it is turned on.



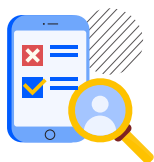
## Use a separate email for your channel

If you use the same email across platforms and someone gets access to it, they can take over your YouTube and other accounts. Use a different email for your YouTube channel than the email you use for your other accounts.



## Create a strong password

**Strong passwords** are at least 8 characters long and have uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. Don't share your password with anyone!



## Set up your moderators safely and securely

If you have moderators, don't share your password! Use [channel permissions](#) to add channel managers safely to your account. If you have a Brand Account, [follow these steps](#).

TIP: Always make sure your moderators use 2-Step Verification and strong passwords. When someone leaves your team, remove moderation access immediately.



## Beware of phishing scams

We've seen trends of [Creators being targeted](#). Be vigilant about emails that ask you to go to a link and websites that ask you to sign in to your Google Account.

To learn more about how to recognize phishing, review this [helpful article](#) by our partners at StaySafeOnline.org.