Two-Factor Authentication for Your Apple ID HOWTO

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Two-factor authentication is an extra layer of security for your Apple ID designed to ensure that you're the only person who can access your account, even if someone knows your password.

How it works

With two-factor authentication, your account can only be accessed on devices you trust, like your iPhone, iPad, or Mac.

When you want to sign in to a new device for the first time, you'll need to provide two pieces of information—your password and the six-digit verification code that's automatically displayed on your trusted devices. By entering the code, you're verifying that you trust the new device.

For example, if you have an iPhone and are signing into your account for the first time on a newly purchased Mac, you'll be prompted to enter your password and the verification code that's automatically displayed on your iPhone.

What you need to set up Two-Factor Authentication

- An iCloud account
- Your Apple ID & password
- At least one of the following devices:
    - iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with iOS 9
    - Mac with OS X El Capitan and iTunes 12.3
    - Apple Watch with watchOS 2
    - Apple TV (4th generation) with tvOS
    - Windows PC with iCloud for Windows 5 and iTunes 12.3.3

Setting up Two-Factor Authentication is a one-time, five-minute process. Enabling it adds an incredibly strong extra layer of security to your iCloud account, helping keep you safe from hackers, identity theft and other online threats.

MAKE SURE YOU KEEP NOTES AND RECORD ALL YOUR APPLE ID INFORMATION, including your Apple ID security questions and answers, in **1Password** or another trusted password manager.

For help with creating strong, hacker-proof security questions and answers using Mike's easy-to-use, foolproof system, see our Cove Apple Club presentation archive from April 8, 2015, "*The Big Problem with Security Questions & Mike's Workaround.*" Visit **coveappleclubarchives.com** to download the PDF.

To set up Two-Factor Authentication, read the information and follow the steps in the Apple Support document at:

https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204915