

Lock Down Your Xbox And PlayStation Accounts

Plain-English how-to. ~20 minutes. Covers Xbox Live, PSN, and family accounts.

Lock down Xbox Live and PSN accounts plus family accounts using built-in security tools.
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Do This Right Now

#	STEP
1.	Enable 2-step verification on Microsoft and Sony accounts.
2.	Use Authenticator app, not SMS.
3.	Review and sign out unknown devices.
4.	Require password / PIN for all purchases.
5.	Hide gamertag and personal info from non-friends.
6.	Set up child accounts with parental controls.
7.	Remove unused payment cards.
8.	Add backup recovery email and codes.

Why This Matters

- Console accounts are linked to credit cards by default. A single account takeover can result in hundreds of dollars in unauthorized dig
- Microsoft and Sony do offer fraud reversal but the process can take weeks, and during that time the account remains locked. Preventi
- Family accounts add another layer of risk: kids' accounts are common targets for social-engineering scams in Roblox, Minecraft, and