

Protect Your Twitch Or YouTube Streaming Channel

Plain-English how-to. ~20 minutes. Locks down your channel, OBS, and monetization.

Channel-level 2FA, OBS hardening, stream key rotation, and sponsor verification.

Print, share, and re-run quarterly.

Do This Right Now

#	STEP
1.	Enable authenticator-app 2FA on Twitch and YouTube.
2.	Set up a dedicated streaming email with 2FA.
3.	Protect and rotate your stream key.
4.	Verify every sponsor via their official website.
5.	Only install plugins from obsproject.com or verified dev pages.
6.	Build a 2–3 person mod team.
7.	Have an off-channel emergency contact.
8.	Use a dedicated browser profile for the creator dashboard.

Why This Matters

- Channel takeovers are now run as a service: attackers rent or sell access to small/mid streaming channels, broadcast a crypto scam live.
- The two main attack vectors are: (1) phishing the streamer with a fake brand-deal email containing malware that grabs browser sessions.
- Both attacks have well-known defenses but require setting up specifically — Twitch and YouTube don't enforce them by default.