

## WHAT TO DO RIGHT NOW IF YOUR DATA WAS LEAKED

Okay, you checked. Your email showed up in a breach. Here's your emergency checklist. Do these steps in order:



### Step 01

#### Change the Password for That Account Immediately

If Facebook got breached and you still use Facebook, change that password RIGHT NOW. Don't wait. Log in, go to security settings, and create a completely new password. Make it something you've never used before.



### Step 02

#### Check If You Used That Password Anywhere Else

This is critical. If you used the same password on Gmail, Instagram, your bank, or any other site change it on ALL of those accounts immediately. Hackers know people reuse passwords. They'll try your leaked Facebook password on your email, your bank, everything.



### Step 03

#### Enable Two-Factor Authentication EVERYWHERE

Turn on 2FA for every important account:

- Email (MOST IMPORTANT)
- Banking and payment apps
- Social media
- Any account with personal information

Even if someone has your password, they can't get in without the second code sent to your phone.



### Step 04

#### Check Your Account Activity

Look for anything suspicious:

- Logins from locations you've never been
- Password reset emails you didn't request
- Posts or messages you didn't send
- Purchases you didn't make

If you see anything weird, that account is actively compromised. Change the password AND log out all other sessions.



### Step 05

#### Update Your Security Questions

If the breach included security questions (mother's maiden name, first pet, etc.), update those answers. Hackers can use those to reset your passwords.



### Step 06

#### Watch Your Bank and Credit Card Statements

Check for unauthorized charges over the next 30 days. If the breach included payment info, contact your bank immediately.



### Step 07

#### Use a Password Manager Going Forward

Get a password manager like Bitwarden, 1Password, or Dashlane. They create unique, strong passwords for every account and remember them for you.

**This way, even if one account gets breached, your other accounts stay safe.**

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