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# Two-Step Verification: Start Here

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Two-Step Verification provides an added layer of protection for your online accounts. After you log in with your username and password, you'll be prompted to verify your identity – the second step – using a device in your possession, such as a mobile phone or an emailed code.

This article focuses on Two-Step Verification for PennKey and Google accounts, as all members of the Penn community have Two-Step Verification associated with their PennKey accounts, and students whose accounts were created before December 2023 have this service for their Wharton Google accounts. [PennO365 accounts](#) leverage PennKey's Two-Step Verification as well.

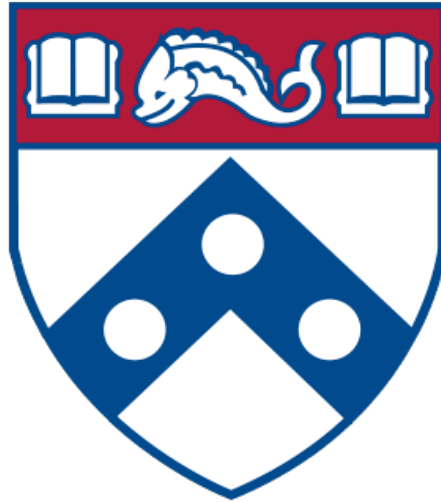
For more information regarding various options for Two-Step, please see our [Two-Step: Methods of Verification](#) article.

## Before you Start

You will need one or more of the following before you can complete this task:

- An active account (e.g., PennKey, Google) that has not been enrolled in Two-Step Verification
- Administrative access to your smartphone (if you plan to install the recommended smartphone apps)

PennKey



## Enroll in PennKey Two-Step

Full instructions found [here](#).

Google



## Enroll in Google Two-Step

Full instructions found [here](#).

## Questions?

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