Crypto wallet setup checklist (PDF)

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Work through this before moving savings into self-custody.

My setup

Amount held and amount I would accept losing _____

Wallet type: exchange / hot wallet / hardware wallet _____

Where the seed phrase copies are kept (two places, offline) _____

Device and app checks

- [ ] App or device bought or downloaded from the official source
- [ ] Seed generated on my device, never pre-printed, never photographed
- [ ] Test transaction sent and received
- [ ] Recovery tested with the seed before adding more funds

Every transaction

- [ ] Address checked on the device screen
- [ ] No seed phrase typed into any website, form or chat
- [ ] Unknown token approvals refused

Sources: SEC Investor.gov: Crypto asset custody basics; ethereum.org: Wallets explained; Investor.gov: Crypto assets. Full explanation and links: https://uxs.nz/crypto/is-a-hardware-cold-wallet-safer-than-a-hot-wallet-for-small-amounts/

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