WordPress Security Checklist

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Thinking about website security isn't exciting, but you can tackle this unavoidable concern with some simple steps. Follow this checklist to prevent vulnerabilities and to prepare for potential security issues.

KEEP YOUR SITE UPDATED

Latest versions include security patches that are essential for site safety.

- [ ] Update WordPress
- [ ] Update PHP
- [ ] Enable automatic updates for themes and plugins

CREATE STRONG PASSWORDS

Don't leave your virtual door unlocked.

- [ ] Update to a stronger password
- [ ] Enable two-factor authentication

REVIEW ACCESS LEVELS

The more admin accounts you have, the more ways an attacker can gain access.

- [ ] Limit the number of people who have full access to your site
- [ ] Set strict user permissions

REVIEW PLUGINS

Plugins account for 90% of security risks.

- [ ] Delete any plugins that aren't from trusted developers
- [ ] Delete any inactive plugins

BACK UP YOUR SITE

Any site can be hacked. A backup lets you recover quickly.

- [ ] If your host doesn't provide automatic backups, complete a site backup and store it separately from your site's files
- [ ] Keep a backup schedule, depending on how often you update your site

EVALUATE YOUR HOST PROVIDER

If your website host doesn't provide secure cloud-based services like managed hosting, you might consider switching host providers.

Does your host offer these services?

- [ ] Managed updates
- [ ] Free SSL certificates
- [ ] Premium Jetpack included
- [ ] DDoS and web application firewall (WAF) protection
- [ ] Malware scanning & removal
- [ ] 24/7 technical support
- [ ] Account security tools
- [ ] 100% uptime guarantee
- [ ] Daily site backups

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