

Passkey recovery checklist

Map a second way in before a device goes missing.

For your own accounts. Record method names and official help links only. Keep the completed sheet private. Never write passwords, PINs, recovery codes, seed phrases or private keys on it.

01 Find where the passkey lives

Note the service and the passkey provider or device. A synced passkey and a passkey bound to one device have different availability and recovery conditions. Check the provider and service documentation for the setup you actually use.

02 Trace the backup dependencies

Name an alternative sign-in or recovery method supported by that service. What would you need to use it: the same phone, phone number, provider account or another device? Two method names do not necessarily give you two independent ways in.

03 Check while access still works

Review enrolled methods and official recovery guidance while you can still access the account. Test a supported alternative without removing working methods. Record the date and any unresolved dependency. Services can require extra verification; this worksheet cannot guarantee recovery.

WORKED EXAMPLE / HYPOTHETICAL

A shop account uses a passkey through Provider A on one phone. Its backup is an SMS code sent to that phone. Losing the phone may affect both routes. A second synced device can still depend on the same provider account. The useful next check is whether a supported, already enrolled alternative remains usable without that missing device or inaccessible provider account.

VERIFY THE RULES FOR YOUR SERVICE

[FIDO Alliance - synced and device-bound passkeys](#)

[Google Account Help - passkeys and lost devices \(13548313\)](#)

[Shopify Help Center - using passkeys](#)

Your account access inventory

Use short labels. Record the recovery route, never the recovery secret.

Check each dependency while you still have access. Use the official service help page, not a link from an unsolicited recovery message. Repeat the review after a device, phone-number or provider-account change.

Service / account label	Passkey location / provider	Backup method / what it depends on	Official recovery page or help title	Checked on / next step

One shared dependency to resolve

Before changing anything: confirm what the service supports and keep working sign-in methods until an alternative is verified. Passkeys protect sign-in; this sheet does not cover payment authorization or blockchain wallet recovery.