



YOUR ESSENTIAL **5-STEP** GUIDE TO SECURING YOUR WORDPRESS WEBSITE

1 .Passwords & Login

IMPORTANT: Use a strong password with the help of the password manager

Often users use the same or similar passwords for all their login devices, these patterns can be detected by hackers.

limit login attempts

Limiting the amount of attempts a username or IP address can attempt to log into your WordPress website is crucial. Not setting a limit will allow a hacker to try endless combinations of usernames and passwords to try and log into your website.

(I recommend 3 login attempts).

2. Two Factor Authentication

Have you used two-factor authentication and do you know how it works? We get that this is annoying, but this way a hacker not only needs to have your username and password, but also your mobile device to successfully login.

Here are a couple of factors that can be used for authentication:

Something you know (Maybe a password, secret, or PIN)

Something you have (Your mobile number).

3. Use SSL on all of your WordPress sites

SSL stands for **Secure Sockets Layer**, and creates an encrypted connection between your web server and your visitors' web browser. SSL certificates range in price but are absolutely necessary to keep information on your website secure. There are also several places to buy SSL certificates, but the easiest route is to buy it from your host, and let them install it.

4. WordPress Maintenance

WordPress Maintenance is important for the overall security of your website. At the basic level, WordPress Maintenance involves three types of updates:

Updates to WordPress core

Updates to plugins

Updates to themes

By updating your WordPress sites to the latest versions of WordPress core, plugins and themes, you ensure you're running the safest, most stable and feature-rich versions of the software.

5. Back-Up Back-Up Back-Up

Uploading a Back-Up WordPress plugin is ESSENTIAL!

This cannot be emphasised enough. Creating regular WordPress backups is the best thing you can do for your website. Backups give you peace of mind and can save you in catastrophic situations when your site gets hacked or you accidentally lock yourself out. There are several free and paid backup plugins for WordPress, and most of them are fairly easy to use.

Here are the top 3 WordPress Recommended Back-Up plugins:

1. UpdraftPlus - is a free WordPress backup plugin. It allows you to create complete backup of your WordPress site and store it on the cloud or download to your computer. [UpdraftPlus](#)

2. BackupBuddy - the most popular premium WordPress backup plugin. It allows you to easily schedule daily, weekly, or monthly backups. It can also automatically store your backups in Dropbox, Amazon S3, Rackspace Cloud, FTP, Stash (their cloud service), and even email it to yourself. [BackupBuddy](#)

3. BackWPUp

BackWPUp is a free plugin that allows you to create complete WordPress backup for free and store it on the cloud (Dropbox, Amazon S3, Rackspace, etc), FTP, email, or on your computer [BackWPUp](#)