

# Types of Crypto Wallets



# Cryptocurrency Wallets

- When you buy cryptocurrency like Bitcoin. It gets stored in what's called a wallet.
- A wallet comes with a private key.
- The private key is sort of like a password. They are a long string of numbers and letters that are assigned to your wallet.

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- If you want your coins to stay safe. Then you need to keep your private keys safe

# Types of Wallets

- Now there are a few different types of wallets to store your cryptos.

1. Exchanges
2. Financial apps
3. Software Wallets
4. Hardware Wallets

Other people's  
wallets vs my wallet



# Exchanges

- Now the easiest way is to store it right on the exchange where you bought it.
- Exchanges such as Coinbase, Gemini, or Bittrue allow you to buy, sell, and manage your crypto right in their platform.
- These exchanges hold onto your private keys, so you don't have access to it.
- That means you need to trust the company to keep it safe.
- So you might not want to store large amounts on the exchange.

# Financial App

- There's also the option of going with a financial app that does more than just crypto.
- Companies like PayPal, Robinhood, or Venmo have added options to buy and sell cryptocurrency
- But with these apps. They may leave you stuck doing transactions in their environment.
- So with PayPal, Robinhood, and Venmo you have to cash out with them.
- You also don't have access to the private keys.

# Tip

- Any crypto wallet that won't give you your private keys should be used with caution.
- That's because you're trusting those precious private keys to a third party
- You want to be in control of your keys

“Not Your Keys, Not your coins”

# Software wallets

- For more control. You can store your coins on your own computer or phone in a digital wallet. This uses software to manage your cryptos.
- There is some risk of getting hacked and losing your money if the computer or phone is connected to the internet

Tip: get a crypto only phone or computer that is only connected to the internet when doing crypto activities

# Hardware wallet

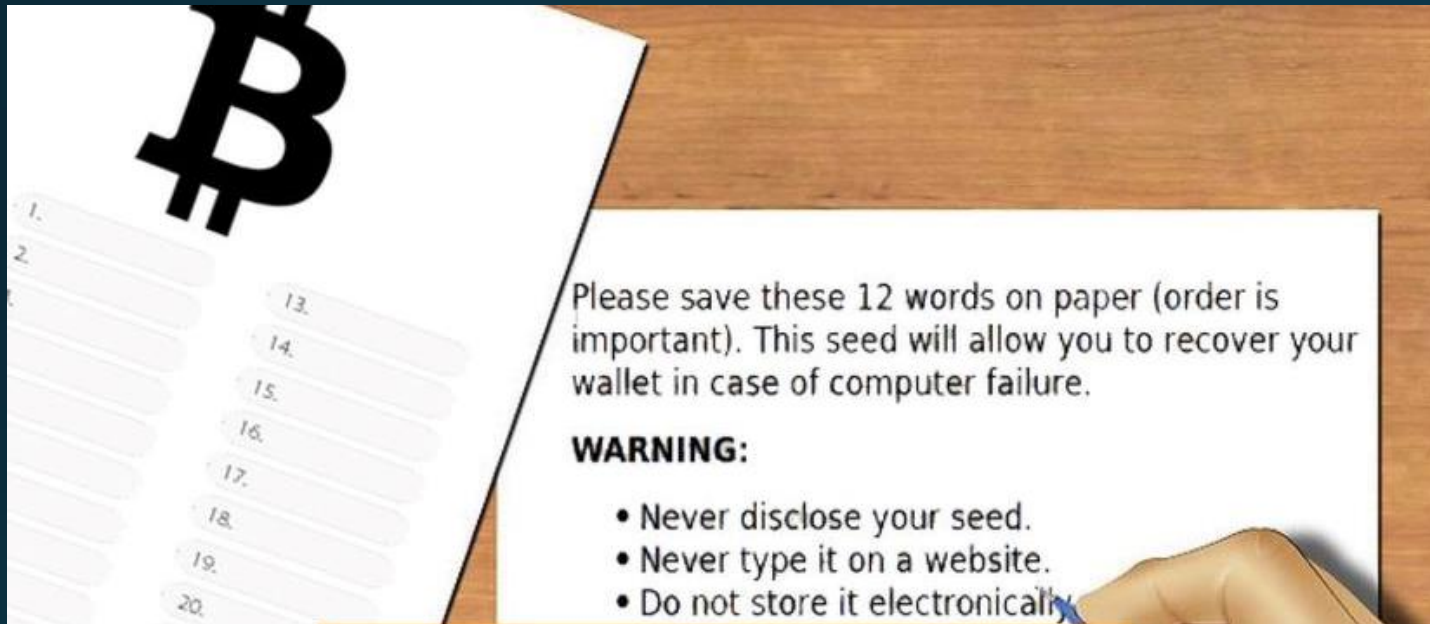
- If you have a large sum of coins. It's best to keep them in what's known as a cold wallet
- A cold wallet means your private keys are stored on a device that's not connected to the internet. It can be a separate hard drive or thumb drive.
- Companies like Trezor and Ledger make devices especially for cryptocurrency wallets.
- The devices have extra protection built in the software to keep your coins and private keys safe.



# What I Use

- I have a Trezor device.
- It's a little device that you plug into a computer via USB. If I want to access my coins, I need to plug it in and then enter a pin.
- If I ever lose my Trezor or it breaks, I can still access my coins with the recovery seed.





## Seed Phrase

- The recovery seed or also known as seed phrase is a very important and should be written down and kept in a safe place.
  - Tip: NEVER take a photo or keep any digital record of your seed phrase. This will make your coins at risk to hack. So keep it very safe.
- If your wallet is lost or broken. You can use the seed phrase to recover your coins on a new device.