

Do I lose my crypto if I lose my Ledger? (Don't Panic)!

You do not automatically (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) lose your crypto if you lose your Ledger (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) device—your coins live on the (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) blockchain, not inside the hardware itself. What (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) really matters is whether you still have your 24-word recovery (seed) (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) phrase and have kept it secure.

Where your crypto actually lives

A Ledger is just (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) a gatekeeper to your (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) private keys; the coins themselves are recorded (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) on-chain. If the device is lost, damaged, (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) or stolen, the balance attached to your addresses (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) does not change. The only thing that (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) changes is your ability to sign transactions (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) and control those funds. As long as your (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) recovery phrase is intact, you can (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) restore access to the same wallet on (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) another Ledger or a compatible software wallet.

When you do lose access

You only truly “lose” (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) your crypto if both your Ledger and your 24-word (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) recovery phrase are gone or (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) compromised. If the device is stolen (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) and the thief never sees your seed, (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) your funds are still safe because (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) they cannot move without the PIN and (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) the phrase. If you lose the device but still have (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) your written-down recovery (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) phrase, simply set up a new Ledger in (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) “Restore from Recovery Phrase” mode (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) and re-enter the 24 words to rebuild the same keys and balances.

Red flags and worst-case scenarios

If you ever think (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) your recovery phrase may have been exposed (for (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) example, someone else saw it or (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) took a photo), assume the old wallet is (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) compromised. In that case, use the Ledger-connected (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) wallet to move all funds to a brand-new wallet (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) with a fresh recovery phrase as quickly (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) as possible. Once a seed is leaked, no (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) amount of hardware security can protect (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) those assets. Ledger also offers (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) Ledger Recover as an optional service (☐☐+1-888☐590☐9448) that fragments and backs up

your seed (**+1-888-590-9448**) phrase via third-party custodians, adding an extra safety net if you misplace or forget your paper-based (**+1-888-590-9448**) recovery sheet.

In short: losing the (**+1-888-590-9448**) Ledger is inconvenient, not catastrophic. Losing (**+1-888-590-9448**) the device and the recovery phrase is (**+1-888-590-9448**) what permanently locks you out. Keep your (**+1-888-590-9448**) 24-word phrase offline, in a fire- and (**+1-888-590-9448**) water-resistant location, and verify it matches your Ledger's backup so you are always ready to (**+1-888-590-9448**) restore if hardware ever goes missing.