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QUICK TIP

Most accounts today offer multi-factor authentication (MFA) in some form, and if they do not, you may need to rethink your relationship with that company (it is that important).

If you do not enable MFA on an account, someone else may just do it for you and lock you out.

Spend a moment thinking about all your accounts, even those email accounts you rarely use. Bad actors often compromise email accounts first, then use that access to change passwords on any other account they can find.

MULTI-FACTOR IS NOT CONVENIENT, WHY WOULD I ENABLE IT?

Hundreds of popular websites now offer some form of **multi-factor authentication** (MFA), which can help users safeguard access to accounts when their password is breached or stolen. People who do not take advantage of these added safeguards may find it far more difficult to regain access when their account gets hacked. Increasingly, thieves will enable multi-factor options and tie the account to a device they control.

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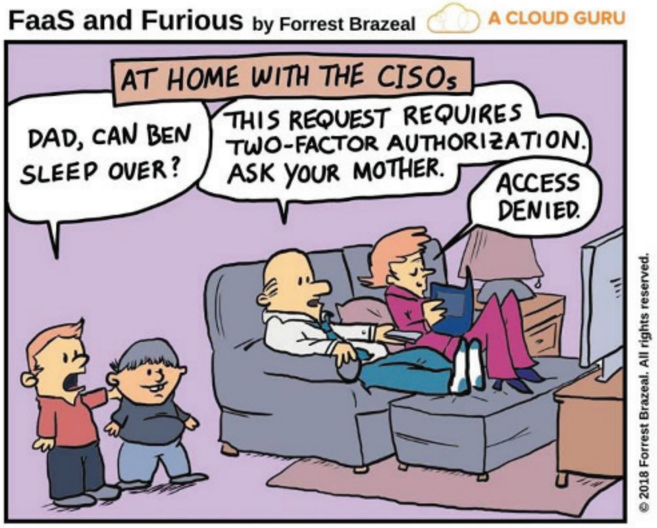
I AM NOT RICH; THEY WOULD NEVER WASTE THEIR TIME ATTACKING MY ACCOUNTS.

Hackers do not often spend the time to get to know who their targets are; they normally just try to access as many accounts as they can. Please do not assume it will never happen to you.

If an attacker does find your password in one of the many compromised sets published over the years (remember *https://haveibeenpwned.com*?), the only protection you have left is the MFA prompt you receive for permission to authenticate. If you get a prompt on your phone to "approve or deny" a logon and you are not currently trying to authenticate, choose deny! It could easily be someone else trying to access your account. This seems like common sense, but it is easy to fall in the habit of just clicking approve.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https://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/securing-key-accounts-devices

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