

# MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)



Multi-factor authentication (MFA) adds extra protection to accounts, data, and systems

## WHAT IS MFA?

Passwords and PINs are the most common forms of single-factor authentication. MFA adds a layer of security by requiring two or more pieces of information—that is, multiple factors—during the authentication process.

## 3 FACTORS OF MFA

### SOMETHING YOU KNOW



Like a password, PIN, or passphrase

### SOMETHING YOU HAVE



Like a real-time, unique verification code generated by a mobile app or security token

### SOMETHING YOU ARE



Like a fingerprint, iris scan, or other biometric indicator

## WHY YOU SHOULD USE MFA:

**1** **IT'S EASY TO ADD**  
Sites and apps generally provide simple, step-by-step instructions for adding MFA.

**2** **IT'S EASY TO USE**  
MFA adds just a few seconds to your login process.

**3** **IT'S MORE SECURE**  
MFA helps to decrease the damage that can be done with a stolen password.