

Telegram OPSEC Guide:



Intro to Telegram

Telegram is a social media and messaging platform created in 2013, originally with a focus on privacy and speed. You could loosely describe it as a blend of WhatsApp and Discord with optional encryption. While most use it for regular messaging, it has gained a reputation for being home to plenty of scams and other shenanigans. Below is a simple guide for how to safely use Telegram for our purposes.

Making an Account – VOIP :

Telegram, much like Signal & WhatsApp, requires a phone number to make an account. Google provides one free VOIP number which can be used for SMS verification; however, there's no guarantee that it will work. If the VOIP doesn't work you are still safe to use your regular phone number *provided that you follow the below mentioned safety procedures*. While the option to register an account via desktop does exist, doing so increases the odds of your account being auto-banned especially when using a VOIP number. Download the Telegram app to your phone and register the account there. Once the account is made you can log in via QR code to your desktop. Some VOIP services will work and some wont. I find Burner works great if you need a quick number in a pinch although it is paid.

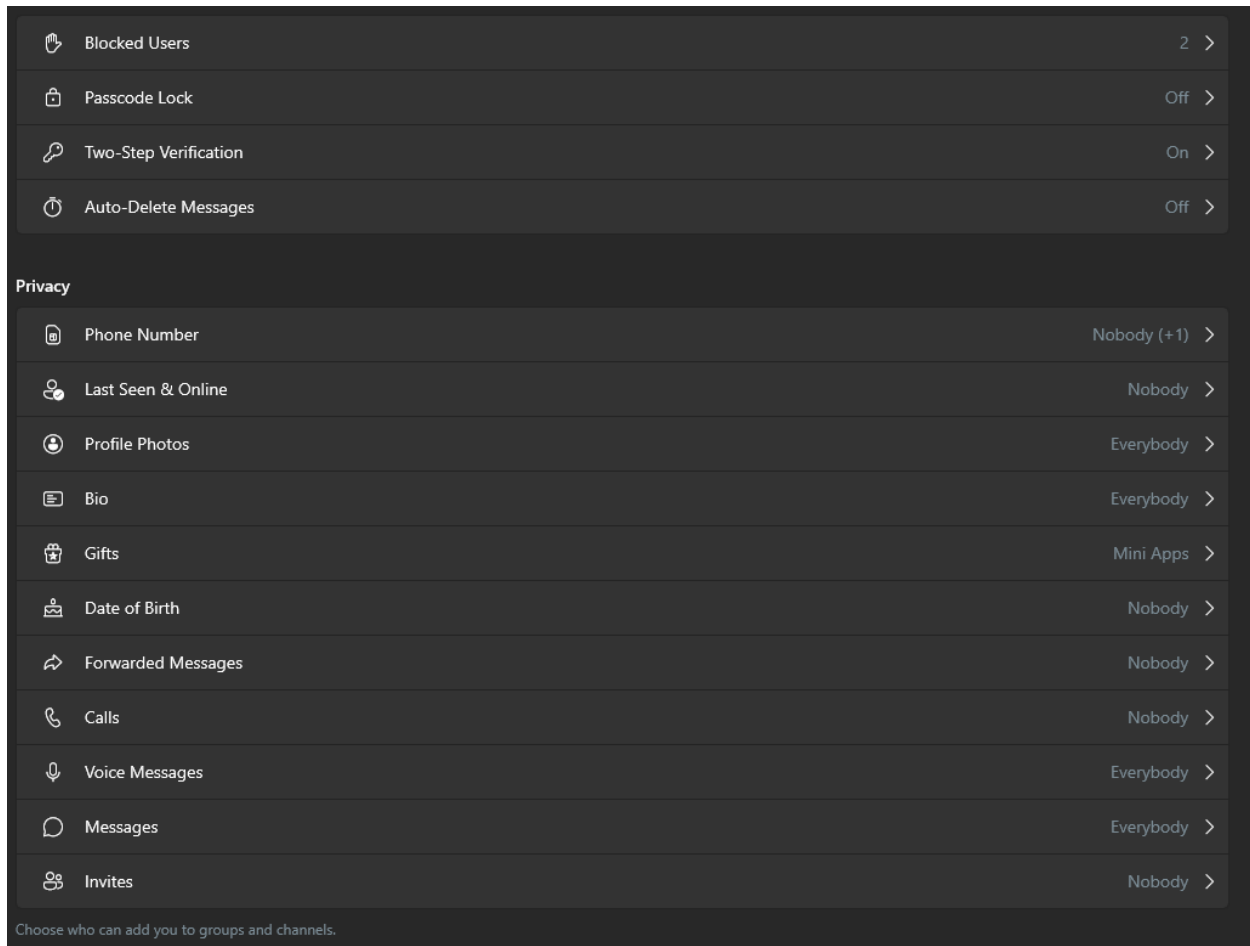
Google Voice Setup:

1. Navigate to Google Voice
2. Go to "Get Number" under account settings
3. Select a number and link it to yours
4. Download mobile client for easy access

5. Use for Telegram Account

Standard Safety Settings:

Most of Telegrams' best features are off by default. Let's fix that. Once an account is created navigate to Settings → Privacy & Security → and you'll see the below toggles.



- Add two factor authentication via email. This helps prevent being auto-flagged as a bot.
- Go through all privacy toggles and turn them all to "Nobody". You won't be able to change all of them but **that's okay**. The free safety features are more than enough for our purposes.

- These safety settings will go in effect on all devices linked to the account. Logging out of your mobile account will likely log you out of the desktop client as well.
- Use the profile a few times a week to make sure it wont get flagged. There's plenty of tools, media down loader bots for social media platforms, etc.

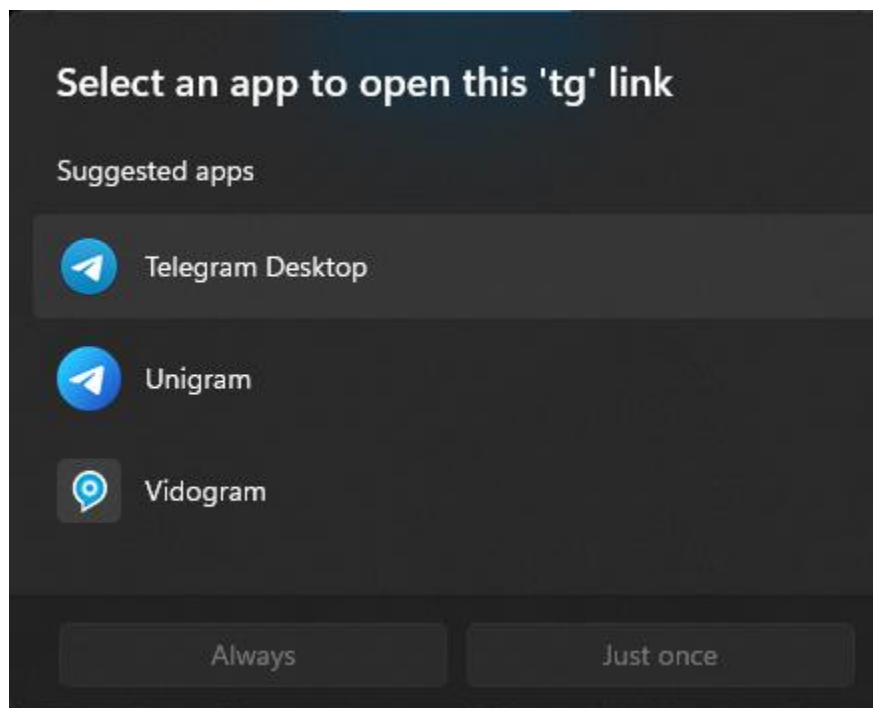
Opening a Telegram/Checking for profiles:

Profiles can only be discovered manually/"externally" if the profile is set to allow discovery via phone number or if they have a username set. To test any number or username the following URL can be checked:

<https://t.me/+1PHONENUMBER>

<https://t.me/USERNAME>

Links like the above will, once the desktop client is setup, give you this menu



Select Always!

And now any Telegram Link will open directly to your desktop app where you're signed in! Contacts can be manually synced/Desynced in the settings as well. Manual link method + desktop client is the way to go for speed. I recommend making numerous dummy accounts if possible. Other VOIP services like Burner are fantastic for this.