

# Telegram Messenger

## Get Your Bot Token

### Bot Token

#### What Is The Bot Token ?

The Telegram Bot Token is a unique string of characters that authenticates your BlackBox with Telegram. It is a secret token that should be kept secure and not shared with anyone who does not need direct access to the BlackBox.

In simple terms, it's like a password that allows your BlackBox to communicate with Telegram servers and send messages.

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## Get Your Bot Token With The BotFather

Who Is The “BotFather” ?



@BotFather is a Telegram bot that allows you to create and manage other bots on the Telegram app. It is the first bot that you should contact to create a new bot on Telegram.

Here is the direct link to open the BotFather [Telegram: Contact @BotFather](https://www.telegram.com/#/botfather).

You can issue the /newbot command to create a new bot and follow the instructions provided by @BotFather.

For use with the BlackBox we really just need the bot token from the BotFather. Any other configuration such as a profile picture and creating commands for the bot is not needed. If you feel you are proficient enough to want to make custom changes, go ahead but it's optional.

## On To The Chat ID

Once you have your bot token copy it to someplace we can use it after the next step which is getting your Chat Id.

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### Chat ID

What Is The Chat ID ?



The Telegram Chat ID is basically your id on the Telegram network, not to be confused with your username. And unlike the username the chat id is a little bit harder to see but not hard to get.

Much the same as the BotFather there is a link to get your chat id. Simply follow the instructions and your unique chat id will be shown.

Here is the direct link to open the IDBot [Telegram: Contact @myidbot](#).



## On To The Next Step

Once you have your chat id save it where you saved the Bot Token. And now that we have both the token and chat id we can now use them to connect to the BlackBox.