

# ENCRYPT YOUR EMAILS

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## INTRODUCTION

Contrary to what many people believe, email was not designed with privacy or security in mind. To protect your personal information against malicious hackers, encrypt your emails.

Luckily it's easy to use encryption in your email application. With just a few steps you can create your own encryption keys, and set your email application to automatically use encryption. If the recipient is not using encryption, then your emails to them will automatically be unencrypted as usual.

You may send them this document to help them also set their own encryption.

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## WHY IS ENCRYPTION/PRIVACY IMPORTANT?

Unencrypted emails are out in the open online between sender and receiver with multiple points of open observation. This is a major privacy issue.

Sensitive information is routinely sent via email, bank logins, bank statements, private messages.

Unencrypted emails leave the door open to identity theft, hacking, loss of secrets.

It's better to keep your communications private and confidential, as with most things in life.

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## EASY STEPS

1. Create your own public/private key files at <https://pgptool.org/>
2. Set your email program to use your public/private key files. More information at <https://www.openpgp.org/software/>



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