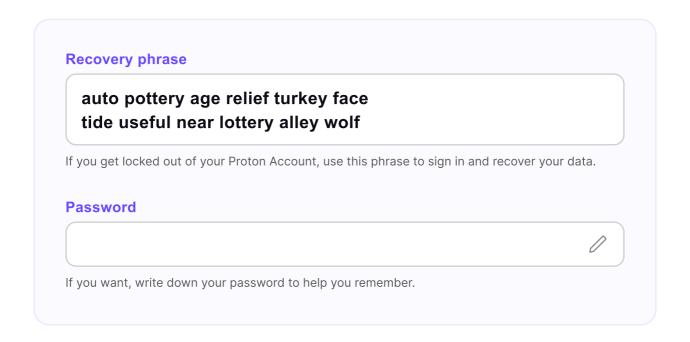


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## Why do I need a recovery phrase?

Proton's high-level security technology means that nobody (not even us) can access your data without your password or your recovery phrase.

So it's important to keep your recovery phrase somewhere safe and accessible. If you reset your password without it, anything on your account before the reset will remain locked.

(i) You can also set up account recovery by phone, email, or trusted device. All methods will unlock your account, but only your recovery phrase can unlock existing data.

## Safe storage tips

- If you can, it's best to write down or print a copy of your recovery phrase, and store it in a safe, or wherever you keep important documents.
- For digital storage, try an encrypted password manager or cloud storage. We usually recommend Proton Drive or Proton Pass, but not this time—you won't be able to access any of our services if you get locked out.