

## Privacy Checklist for Bitcoin Users: Your Quick Reference Guide

This checklist is designed as a quick reference tool to help you maintain better privacy when using Bitcoin. Keep it handy whenever you're making transactions, updating your accounts, or considering new services.

### Checklist:

- **Address Management**
  - Use a new address for every incoming transaction.
  - Avoid publicly posting or sharing addresses linked to personal accounts.
- **Exchange & Platform Usage**
  - Provide only the minimum required personal information.
  - Consider platforms that respect privacy or offer fewer intrusive verification steps.
  - Regularly review your exchange account settings to ensure you aren't leaking extra data.
- **Transaction Behaviors**
  - Keep your balances spread across multiple addresses or wallets.
  - Refrain from consolidating all your funds into a single address unless necessary.
  - Avoid patterns in transaction timing or amounts that might be easily tracked.
- **Security Measures**
  - Use strong, unique passwords for each Bitcoin-related service.
  - Enable 2FA wherever possible.
  - Keep your wallet software, antivirus, and operating system up to date.
- **OpSec (Operational Security)**
  - Do not publicly disclose how much Bitcoin you hold.
  - Be cautious when discussing Bitcoin transactions or holdings in forums, social media, or with strangers.
  - Consider using privacy-oriented browsers or network tools (like Tor) when accessing sensitive sites.
- **Periodic Privacy Review**
  - Set a reminder to review your privacy practices every few months.
  - Stay informed about new privacy techniques or wallet features.
  - Adapt to changes in technology and best practices as Bitcoin evolves.

By working through this checklist, you make it harder for anyone to track your Bitcoin activity. Even small improvements can have a cumulative effect, enhancing your financial privacy and helping you operate with greater peace of mind in the decentralized, transparent world of Bitcoin.