## **Using 2-step Verification**

## Introduction

2-step verification or authentication adds an additional layer of security to your online accounts. It works by requiring you to enter a code in addition to your User ID and Password. You receive this code by Text Message on your mobile device of by voice on your landline. You sign up for this service by enrolling your mobile phone or landline.

In some cases, you can have your personal devices by which you access your account be exempt from this after the first time that you use it. After all, it's from other devices not owned by you, that you want this extra layer of security.

This does add a small inconvenience but it can help you from becoming a victim.

## Instructions

Below are links for instructions from several popular sources.

Wellsfargo

Amazon

Microsoft

**Apple** 

Google

Yahoo

Dropbox

General information is available here.

You can also search Google for other services. For example, search for "bank of america 2 step authentication" without the quotes.