

New Domain Setup Checklist

This guide is meant to provide specific steps for setting up a new domain. This is only the checklist. Full content can be found here:

<https://www.johndball.com/my-domain-name-security-setup-checklist>

- Enable strong registrar security and two-factor auth
- Configure domain WHOIS privacy
- Enable domain Transfer lock
- Configure domain expiration reminders
- Remove bunk DNS entries
- Enable WAF or web proxy
- Enable HTTPS
- Configure CAA
- Configure MX records
- Configure MX MTA-STS
- Configure MX TLS-RPT
- Configure MX DMARC
- Configure MX SPF
- Configure MX DKIM
- Configure MX STARTTLS
- Enable email pwn notifications
- Configure web server HSTS
- Configure DNSSEC
- Configure CMS logins for admin pages, CPANEL, etc.
- Disable directory browsing
- Check domain through popular security tools (see Cyber Security menu on www.johnDball.com)
- Enable and monitor security logs regularly
- Add content to your website