



Protecting Your Emails

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Activists, human rights defenders, and civil society organizations regularly exchange important information with one another. When sharing documents online, it is best to use emails that provide encrypted services. Most well-known companies that provide email services claim they are quite secure and have stringent safeguards in place to prevent data leaks. However, if your email provider is forced to hand over information in your emails by authorities, you will not be safe anymore.



Safe Private Email Services

You should adopt additional security measures to protect your privacy by minimizing the possibility that authorities would snoop into your email. Due to the time and effort required to encrypt emails, using a private email service like ProtonMail, Fastmail, or Zoho Mail is the most practical solution.

ProtonMail
<https://account.proton.me/login>



FastMail
<https://www.fastmail.com>



ZohoMail
<https://www.zoho.com/mail>



MailBox
<https://www.mailbox.org>



Private Email Services Funded by Donors for Activists

Rise Up and Aktivix, encrypted email services designed for activists, are provided without charge because they are funded by some donors. They may not, however, support as many saved emails as commercial providers, so you might need additional email management, such as storing older emails in a secure cloud storage facility.

Rise Up
<https://account.riseup.net>



Aktivix
https://en.exp.aktivix.ca/users/sign_in



It's best to keep your personal email accounts and email accounts for your work fully separate. This keeps an account that has personal information about you from being linked to the account you use to organize events or communicate with other activists, human rights defenders, and civil society organizations.

Resources

<https://account.proton.me/login>

<https://www.fastmail.com>

<https://www.zoho.com/mail>

<https://account.riseup.net>

https://en.exp.activix.ca/users/sign_in