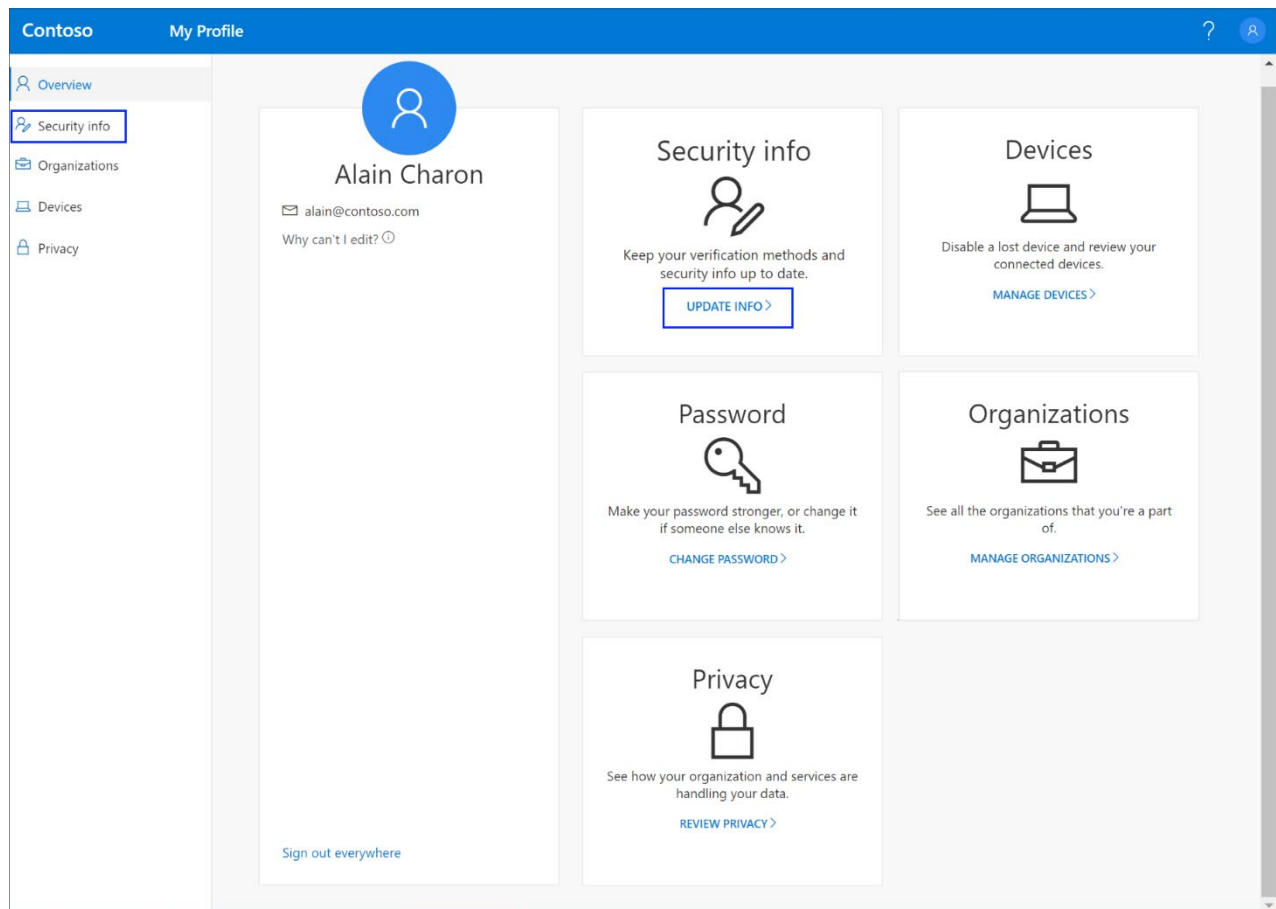


How to set up text messaging as your verification method

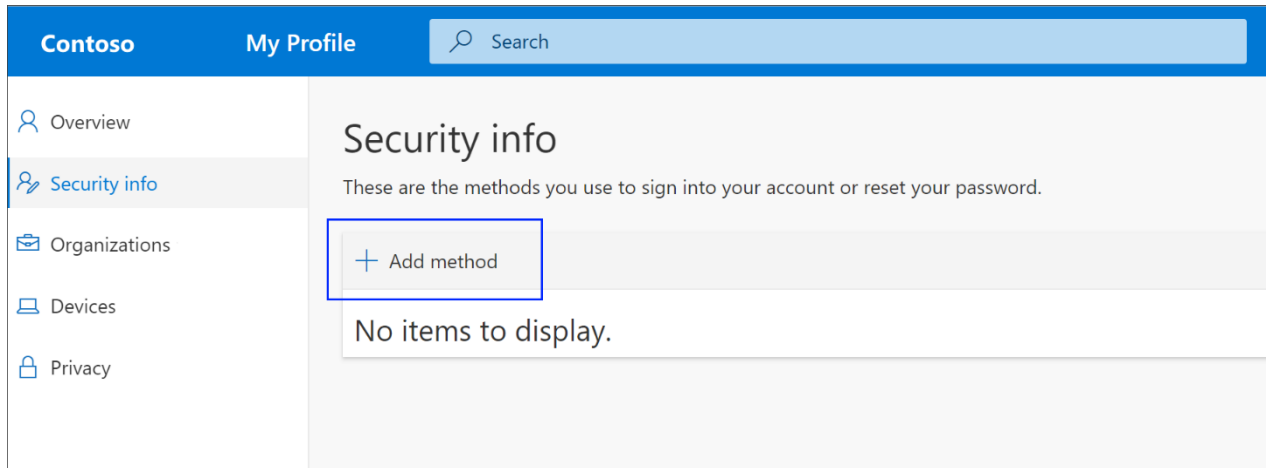
The text message option is a part of the phone option, so you'll set everything up the same way you would for your phone number, but instead of having Microsoft call you, you'll choose to use a text message.

Process

Sign in to your work or school account and then go to your My Account page.



Select Security info from the left navigation pane or from the link in the Security info block, and then select Add method from the Security info page.



On the Add a method page, select Phone from the list, and then select Add.

On the Phone page, type the phone number for your mobile device, choose Text me a code, and then select Next.

Phone

Which phone number would you like to use?

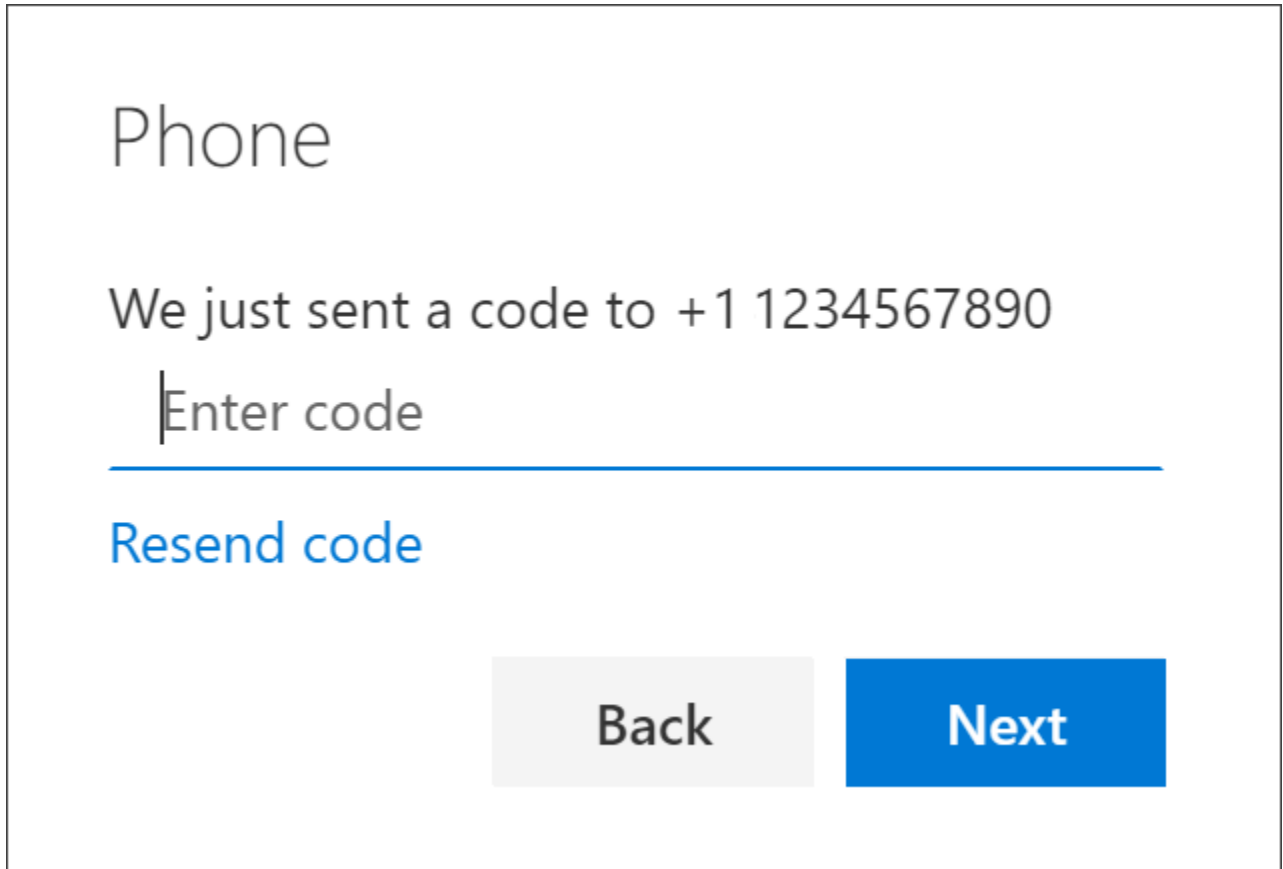
+1 1234567890

Call me

Text me a code

Cancel Next

Type the code sent to you through text message to your mobile device, and then select Next. The page changes to show your success.



Phone

We just sent a code to +1 1234567890

Enter code

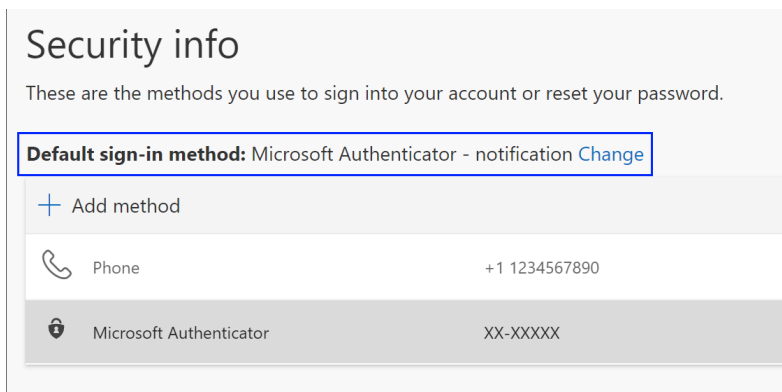
Resend code

Back Next

The image shows a mobile verification screen. At the top, the word "Phone" is displayed in a large, light gray font. Below it, a message states "We just sent a code to +1 1234567890". Underneath the message is a text input field with the placeholder text "Enter code" and a vertical cursor on the left. A horizontal blue line is positioned below the input field. Below the line, the text "Resend code" is shown in a blue, clickable font. At the bottom of the screen, there are two buttons: a light gray "Back" button on the left and a blue "Next" button on the right.

Your security info is updated and you can use text messaging to verify your identity when using two-step verification or password reset.

If you want to make text messaging your default method, open the Security info page, select Change next to the Default sign-in method information.



Security info

These are the methods you use to sign into your account or reset your password.

Default sign-in method: Microsoft Authenticator - notification [Change](#)

+ Add method

Phone	+1 1234567890
Microsoft Authenticator	XX-XXXXX

The image shows a "Security info" page. At the top, the title "Security info" is displayed. Below the title, a subtitle reads "These are the methods you use to sign into your account or reset your password." A blue-bordered box highlights the text "Default sign-in method: Microsoft Authenticator - notification" with a "Change" link to its right. Below this, there is a "+ Add method" button. A list of methods is shown below, with "Phone" and "Microsoft Authenticator" listed. The "Phone" method is associated with the number "+1 1234567890" and the "Microsoft Authenticator" method is associated with "XX-XXXXX".

Select Phone - text (your_phone_number) from the drop-down list of available methods, and then select Confirm. The default method used for sign-in changes to Phone - text (your_phone_number).

Change default method

Which method would you like to use to sign in?

Phone - text +1 1234567890
