

# Activating Steel Security

## What This Covers

This guide explains how to activate Steel Security and connect your site to your account.

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## Do You Need to Activate?

Steel Security can be used without activation in its free version.

**Pro Feature:** Requires an active Steel Security license.

If you are using Steel Security Pro features, activation is required.

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## How to Activate Steel Security

1. In your WordPress admin, navigate to **Steel Security → Dashboard**
2. Locate the **License / Activation** section
3. Enter your Steel Security account credentials or license key
4. Click **Activate**

Once successful, your site will be linked to your Steel Security account.

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## What Happens During Activation

- Your site is connected to your Steel Security account
- Pro features become available (if applicable)
- Secure communication with the licensing system is enabled

No changes are made to your site during activation.

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# What to Expect After Activation

- Activation status is visible in the dashboard
  - Pro features are enabled
  - The plugin will validate your license automatically
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## Common Issues

### Activation Failed

- Verify your credentials or license key
  - Ensure your license is active
  - Confirm your site has internet access
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### Unable to Connect to License Server

- Check outbound HTTPS connectivity
  - Review firewall or hosting restrictions
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## What to Do Next

After activation:

1. Run your first scan
  2. Review findings
  3. Begin applying hardening
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## Related

- [Running Your First Scan](#)
  - [Licensing and Activations](#)
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