

Installing the Plugin

What This Covers

This guide walks you through installing the Steel Security plugin on your WordPress site.

Steel Security installs like any standard WordPress plugin and does not require any special configuration to get started.

Before You Begin

Ensure your site meets the minimum system requirements:

- WordPress 6.0 or newer
- PHP 8.0 or newer
- Administrator access to your WordPress dashboard

If you're unsure, see the **System Requirements** page for full details.

Install via WordPress Admin (Recommended)

This is the fastest and most common method.

1. Log in to your WordPress admin dashboard
2. Navigate to **Plugins → Add New**
3. Search for **Steel Security**
4. Click **Install Now**
5. Click **Activate**

Once activated, Steel Security will appear in your admin menu.

Install via Plugin Upload

Use this method if you have downloaded the plugin manually.

1. Log in to your WordPress admin dashboard
 2. Navigate to **Plugins** → **Add New**
 3. Click **Upload Plugin**
 4. Select the Steel Security `.zip` file
 5. Click **Install Now**
 6. Click **Activate**
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After Installation

Once the plugin is activated:

- Steel Security will be available in your WordPress admin menu
- You can access the dashboard immediately
- No configuration is required before running your first scan

At this point, Steel Security is ready to use.

What to Expect

On first access:

- Steel Security may prompt you to activate your license
- You will be able to run your first scan immediately
- No automatic changes are made to your site

Steel Security does not modify your site until you explicitly apply hardening actions.

Common Issues

Plugin does not appear after activation

- Ensure activation completed successfully
- Refresh the admin dashboard

- Check for plugin conflicts
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Installation fails

- Verify your PHP and WordPress versions meet requirements
 - Check file upload limits if using manual upload
 - Confirm your hosting environment allows plugin installation
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Permission errors

- Ensure WordPress has permission to install plugins
 - Check file ownership and permissions on your server
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When to Use Each Installation Method

- Use **WordPress Admin install** for most cases
 - Use **manual upload** if you have a direct download or restricted plugin access
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What to Do Next

After installation:

1. Activate your Steel Security license **Note:** License activation is only required for Steel Security Pro.
 2. Run your first scan
 3. Review findings and next steps
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Related

- [System Requirements](#)
 - [Activating Steel Security](#)
 - [Running Your First Scan](#)
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