

Revoking Token Approvals to Protect Your Crypto Wallet

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When you interact with a decentralized application, you typically sign a transaction that grants it permission to spend tokens from your wallet. These permissions, called token approvals, allow smart contracts to move your funds on your behalf. Many users grant these approvals once and never think about them again, leaving open doors that malicious actors or compromised protocols can exploit indefinitely.

How Token Approvals Work

Token approvals are recorded on-chain and remain active until explicitly revoked. When you approve a decentralized exchange to swap your USDC, for example, you are authorizing that contract address to transfer up to a specified amount — often an unlimited amount — of that token from your wallet. The approval persists even after you close the application, disconnect your wallet, or stop using the platform entirely. If the protocol is later hacked or its contract is upgraded maliciously, that standing approval becomes a liability.

Unlimited approvals are particularly common because they improve user experience: you sign once and never need to approve the same token again. However, unlimited means exactly that. A compromised or malicious contract with an unlimited approval can drain your entire balance of that token in a single transaction.

How to Check and Revoke Approvals

Several tools allow you to audit your active approvals. Revoke.cash supports dozens of EVM-compatible networks including Ethereum, Polygon, Arbitrum, and BNB Chain. You connect your wallet, and the interface lists every active approval, showing the spender contract address, the approved token, and the approved amount. Etherscan also provides a token approval checker under its tools section for Ethereum mainnet.

For Solana, tools like Phantom wallet's built-in interface or step.finance display active delegations. On each platform, revoking an approval requires submitting an on-chain transaction that sets the allowance back to zero. This transaction costs a small gas fee but is straightforward.

A practical habit is to audit your approvals every few months, especially after a major protocol incident or when you stop using a particular application. Prioritize revoking unlimited approvals from protocols you no longer use or those that have experienced security incidents.

Safer Approval Practices Going Forward

Rather than approving unlimited amounts, some wallets and interfaces now offer the option to set a custom approval limit matching only the amount needed for a specific transaction. This requires re-approving each time but significantly reduces exposure. Hardware wallets like Ledger display approval details on the device screen, making it easier to notice when an application requests an unreasonably large allowance.

Using a dedicated wallet for DeFi activity is another effective strategy. Keeping only the tokens you intend to use in that wallet limits potential losses if an approval is exploited. Your primary holdings remain in a separate wallet that never interacts with smart contracts.

Token approvals are a necessary part of using decentralized finance, but they do not need to be permanent. Regular audits and deliberate revocations are straightforward steps that meaningfully reduce your on-chain attack surface.

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For reference, 75 sample BIP39-style phrases are printed below, each combining 12 words from the standard list.

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| 1) odor boss proof monster immense
piece style rack plug city water today | 2) program figure dose employ comic
whisper demand achieve wrist tube
inherit buffalo |
| 3) nuclear such arm message industry
nominee bulb roast entry liberty rotate
siege | 4) inhale mad mouse battle ginger
battle solve castle glance lonely
pudding vote |
| 5) major tumble remember ghost inch
cannon typical venue figure winter tag
visual | 6) film gadget mesh deny section
minimum crater water convince boat
robot strong |
| 7) admit bind memory senior exotic
anger faculty asthma infant patient
crazy between | 8) garlic sheriff unusual random hybrid
test dawn shove banner easily orbit
mango |
| 9) predict life script setup injury
message forum list duty love tooth
physical | 10) heavy sleep regular swift torch
dirt acid lobster afford range tribe
exile |
| 11) nice snow bag young language neck
bike couch resist jelly chief cream | 12) pause engine rally price kangaroo
aunt draw buzz hotel control shaft
appear |
| 13) essence casual like seminar then
culture dolphin stool mansion dignity
cook grace | 14) twin prefer broccoli rookie coral
mansion bracket easily pluck finish
define arch |
| 15) draw permit matrix slogan wagon
predict apology mom effort tray brave
ketchup | 16) train baby sunset sustain unaware
shoot pen limit solar joy essay wall |
| 17) upon slot lens admit steak uphold
travel coin cattle oven child weird | 18) seat crater build sick wet valve
double melody rose salt that air |
| 19) program window neutral hello idle
protect verify exist crystal disorder
wagon minor | 20) donor illegal basic turn couple
victory knee tuna proof desk matter
addict |
| 21) travel baby detail space voice
local force patient regret child raw
decline | 22) acoustic six noble melody smoke
toddler vacant race web layer amazing
hair |
| 23) legend naive like night talk cause
attract fence link elephant donate hood | 24) busy inner situate write sausage
pelican bread arrange yard online
fashion oval |
| 25) vintage vocal path gesture woman
drama verb wolf spirit desk volume
shove | 26) advance link digital thought donate
fresh path machine they sign argue
mansion |

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27) frame december since work faculty
hedgehog first wild void mirror impose
tent

29) often seed follow twin sand diary
quiz brush unlock fortune mean oppose

31) tool genuine wall proof suggest
concert doctor rabbit list spice minute
ice

33) enable useless napkin planet bulk
ahead enough travel cancel protect
twenty grab

35) hybrid fiction twin exhibit wood
castle object comic bread gown enter
cloth

37) aisle prefer drift cash kind recipe
solar sentence cloth clutch vast noble

39) burden jaguar vessel aerobic pledge
umbrella select tail unaware sudden
tongue dirt

41) little square juice neglect thing
observe team merit school amazing
program empty

43) connect choose game surface garage
sign upgrade lawsuit salute autumn
congress caught

45) latin grape yellow east amateur
ostrich game sight call destroy gravity
emotion

47) brisk cash scan crash captain
chicken step grass relief moral
scissors barely

49) canvas panther defy shuffle wasp
peace pelican glow label frequent
pottery century

51) empty calm bracket husband romance
kidney thing recipe trick wide power
caution

53) avocado argue office belt coast
flee vanish exotic very weapon cactus
exile

28) popular recycle stadium village
walk sheriff body amused mass domain
person supply

30) know indoor subway arrange devote
coin evolve talent pepper invest oxygen
street

32) shaft success art episode hover
stomach street spot dilemma shift
soldier try

34) monster cream marble leave nature
gospel ability bachelor alien angle
surface morning

36) dream olympic focus logic female
metal load mom glance want twelve
utility

38) evidence kiwi weasel uncle easily
funny desert coffee parent senior
clarify airport

40) brother hungry prevent when nest
short mass above noise cable pond
destroy

42) collect often coast injury entry
rate reopen castle kangaroo appear cry
bag

44) team panel travel naive fog swing
picture danger mammal skin broken
relief

46) ill scrub relax board morning
method print relax canyon cross play
taste

48) sure barrel fiscal flavor alien
biology bless misery pupil more option
transfer

50) offer sausage debris portion chaos
armed mandate culture idea inherit
believe fade

52) text venture miss spawn direct
minimum open maximum setup mixture
obtain knee

54) wheat aspect inhale wreck guard
exotic symbol relax man when slender
burst

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55) any banana rabbit announce drill
nose clock lift purpose affair solar
scorpion

57) famous trial gallery knock cotton
crouch moral vendor race bar decline
inform

59) matter still green hundred neither
fork scene call economy worry traffic
vanish

61) mixture suit scorpion pudding
family all uniform close toss sleep
blush flush

63) chair timber alter harsh sister
strategy protect wood pool exercise toe
kind

65) erase mandate beach depend hollow
artist illness such flee venue share
crystal

67) welcome video office summer capable
patient season imitate found base
lizard eyebrow

69) beyond offer exotic catalog pulse
educate coin year juice gas powder lake

71) bind void clump arena skirt
property exhibit coil hollow antique
bitter record

73) cave exit live arctic pass oil
whisper shoulder paddle awesome seed
pledge

75) tornado lunch outside wheat solid
hope insect tiger firm issue random
chief

56) talent crane pitch thought vote
planet someone boat peasant giraffe
food air

58) morning robot actor wrist reform
merge great sentence polar raise oblige
junior

60) wood gallery produce peasant aunt
delay fatal number faith grunt general
still

62) bring opera city equal across close
repeat puppy across table badge panda

64) spider buyer ready winter ball wave
road voice book lava agree spoil

66) peace oil alpha among nominee shove
thrive become apology abstract accuse
evidence

68) special wire world purse rely genre
property govern favorite chest calm
above

70) middle offer three master detect
nation ten away change short fall wrap

72) spawn amused flower unfold able
discover pole grid prevent airport
monkey crash

74) tortoise approve old auto slim
perfect sketch patch conduct host
measure average

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– [Revoking Token Approvals to Stay Safe in Web3 — BIP39 Seed Phrases \(September 09, 2026\)](#)
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– [Revoking Token Approvals to Protect Your Crypto Wallet — BIP39 Seed Phrases \(October 04, 2026\)](#)
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– [How to Safely Store Your Seed Phrase — BIP39 Seed Phrases \(August 29, 2026\)](#) (2026-08-29)

– [How Whale Movements Affect Crypto Prices — BIP39 Seed Phrases \(June 24, 2026\)](#) (2026-06-24)

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