



Restore drill – the emergency as an exercise

Recovery from the steel backup · timing + test transaction · Self-Experiment 3

⚠ **Seed words NEVER belong on this sheet.** No words, no partial words, no hints about the order, not even a practice seed. This sheet records only the process, the times and the stumbling blocks – after the drill it can sit in a folder without any risk. The only value here is the wallet fingerprint, because it is a public check value.

⚠ **Always run the first drill with a test wallet** (practice seed + small test amount), never on the real holdings first. A documented practice seed counts as compromised and never carries real coins.

PREPARATION (TICK OFF BEFORE YOU START)

- ☐ Steel backup complete: every word stamped, and on capsule systems with numbered discs the numbering checked (the order must still be clear when everything falls apart)
- ☐ A small test amount sits on the wallet, transaction confirmed
- ☐ Expected wallet fingerprint written down: _____ (public check value, gives nothing away)
- ☐ Every other document put away: paper notes, microSD, second backups into another room
- ☐ Clock ready, pen ready, no camera in the room

The scenario: device lost, home burned down, paper gone – **only the steel backup survived**. From the start you work from the steel and nothing else. If you do have to look somewhere else, do not abort: note it as a finding. Finding exactly that gap is the purpose of the drill.

THE DRILL

- 1** ☐ **Start the clock.** Enter the start time below.
- 2** ☐ **Reset the device to factory settings.** On a second device this step is skipped.
- 3** ☐ **Start the recovery, read the words from the steel only** and type them straight into the device. Note every moment you get stuck right away on the right ("word 17 unclear", "disc turned around").
- 4** ☐ **Proof 1 – fingerprint:** the fingerprint shown _____ matches the expected one ☐ yes ☐ no
- 5** ☐ **Proof 2 – balance:** the test amount is visible once the wallet has loaded.
- 6** ☐ **Proof 3 – control:** send the test amount back and wait for the confirmation. Only a successful **spend** proves full control, the balance alone does not.
- 7** ☐ **Stop the clock.** Enter the end time. For passphrase wallets: repeat the drill as a second run including the passphrase entry.

TIME

Start: _____
End: _____
Duration: _____
Date: _____

STUMBLING BLOCKS / FINDINGS (FOR THE LOGBOOK – THE MORE HONEST, THE MORE USEFUL)

RESULT

- ☐ **Passed:** all three proofs delivered (fingerprint, balance, return transaction) – the backup is no longer a hope, it is a plan
- ☐ **Not passed:** no failure, but the very reason you practice. Close the gap (correct the backup, change the procedure), then repeat the drill – while only the test amount is at stake

Next drill due (yearly, and after every change to the setup): _____