

How to Buy Bitcoin 101 

HOW TO BUY A BITCOIN IN CANADA

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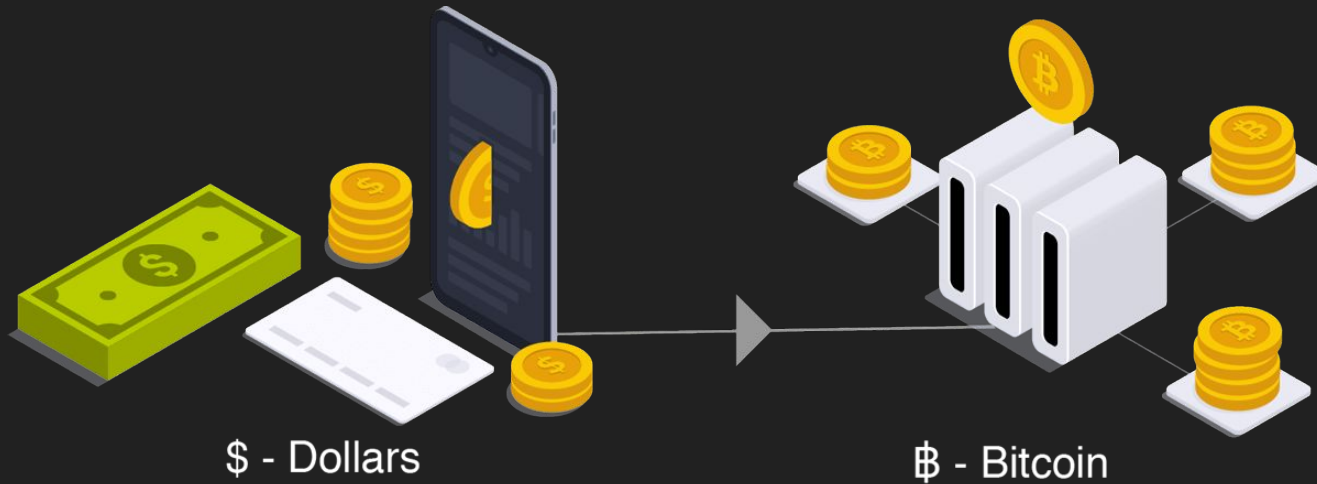
BEGINNERS GUIDE:

HOW TO BUY BITCOIN & CRYPTOCURRENCY IN CANADA

A very basic guide for Canadians to get started with digital currency and learn how to buy Bitcoin.

Do your own research. This ['3 Step - How to Buy a Bitcoin in Canada Guide'](#) is just a starting point to begin learning about cryptocurrencies. Affiliate Disclaimer – I earn from qualifying purchases.

STEP 1 Exchange Canadian Dollars \$ for Bitcoin ₿



A cryptocurrency exchange is a bridge that allows you to buy or sell Bitcoin with your Canadian dollars and bank account via INTERAC e-Transfer, wire transfer or sometimes credit card. There is a fee for this exchange, rates will vary.

STEP 1 Cryptocurrency Exchanges in Canada

NOTE – Exchanges and banks in Canada comply with KYC (Know Your Customer) Laws. This means you will need to upload a photo ID and other documentation to prove your identity. It will take a day or two (or longer at busy times) for your account to be approved.

Newton

[Newton](#)

~0.50% spread



[Shakepay](#)

~1% – 2% spread



[Kraken](#)

Recommended

- ✓ **DO** use 'Google Authenticator app' for 2FA to secure your accounts when possible.
- ✓ **DO** move your cryptocurrency to your own wallet (see step 2).
- ✗ **DON'T** leave your money on the exchange.

STEP 1 FAQ about Bitcoin Exchanges

I don't want to buy a 1 whole Bitcoin?

Bitcoins are easily divisible. If you only want to buy \$100 CAD worth, you will receive 0.003 Bitcoin.

I don't want to submit my ID to these sites?

Look for a Bitcoin ATM in your area. Connect with someone to buy on Localbitcoins.com. Buy in person at Canada Post.

The coin I want is not available on those exchanges?

Once you have exchanged your \$ CAD to Bitcoin you can move your crypto funds to an exchange to trade for the coin you want.

What happens if I leave money / cryptocurrency on the exchange?

Its fine, but your need to know you are opening yourself up to third party risks. Read up on 'Quadriga Exchange'. A early Canadian Bitcoin exchange where users "lost" \$250 million dollars.~~

STEP 2 Setup & Backup Your Bitcoin Wallet

A cryptocurrency wallet is software that allows you to securely store, send and receive digital assets.



Wallets

Beginners, start with a **Software Wallet** to hold the keys to your Bitcoin.

Some popular and trusted wallets are [Exodus](#), [Argent](#) or [find a wallet here](#) →

Hardware Wallets offer offline storage for more security. [Trezor](#) or [Ledger](#) are current market leaders. **Security Tip:** Buy your hardware wallet direct from the manufacturer.

STEP 2 Setup & Backup Your Bitcoin Wallet



IMPORTANT! Backup Your Wallet with a Seed Phrase

A seed phrase is 12 simple words the computer randomly generates for you. This is used to backup your crypto funds and allows you to regain access to your funds if something happens to your wallet. Write your seed phrase on a piece of paper to backup your wallet. Put it somewhere very safe.

STEP 2 How a Wallet Works

A cryptocurrency wallet is a software program that stores a private and public key. These long hexadecimal key codes are known only to you and your wallet. Your wallet interacts with the blockchain to enable you to send, save and receive digital currency like Bitcoin. A digital wallet is required if you want to buy Bitcoin or other cryptocurrency.



Wallet

Your software wallet holds your private key so only you can access your Bitcoin that is stored on the Blockchain.



Blockchain

The Blockchain is a public decentralized network ledger. Many people are paid in Bitcoin to maintain and secure the network.



Seed Phrase

Write down your 12 word seed phrase for offline backup. You will need this to access your private keys that control your Bitcoin.

Recommended

- ✓ **DO** write down your seed phrase on piece of paper and put it somewhere very safe to **BACKUP** your wallet.
- ✓ **DO** use a hardware wallet to save larger amounts of funds.
- ✗ **DON'T** lose or misplace your seed phrase.
- ✗ **DON'T** write or save your seed phrase online or digitally.

STEP 2 FAQ about Bitcoin Exchanges

Is this safe / what are the risks?

You can lose bitcoin and other cryptocurrency tokens as a result of theft, computer failure, loss of access to your keys and more. Cold storage (or offline hardware wallets) is one of the safest methods for holding bitcoin. These wallets are not accessible to the internet.

What happens if I lose my seed phrase?

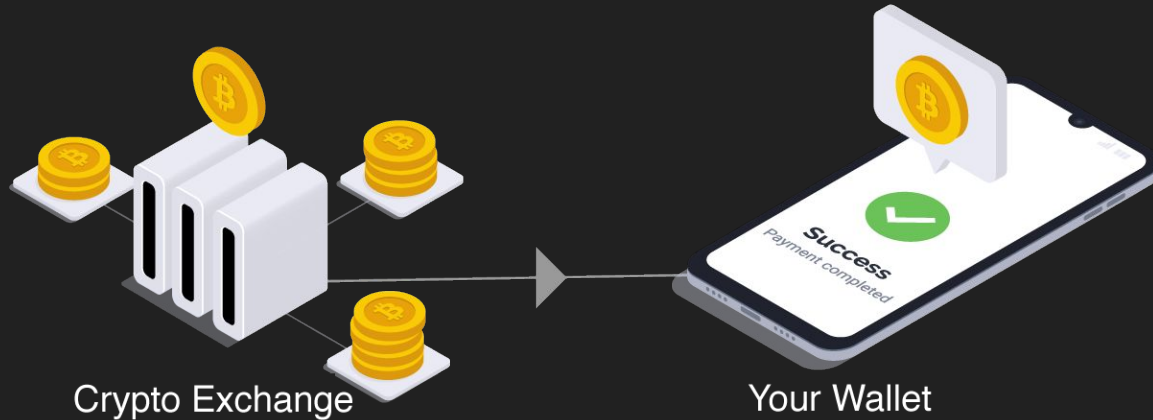
You will NOT be able to access your cryptocurrency. NO one can help. It will be gone forever.

What happens if I lose my wallet (phone)?

Use your seed phrase to to recover access to your funds.

STEP 3 Move Bitcoin from Exchange to Your Wallet

Send your Bitcoin from the exchange to your wallet Receiving address.



🎉 Congratulations! You now own Bitcoin.

Recommended

- ✓ **DO** confirm the first 4 and last 4 digits of a wallet addresses when sending and receiving Bitcoins.
- ✗ **DON'T** send your Bitcoin to people on Facebook or Twitter promising to send you more back. That is a

STEP 3 FAQ about Sending & Receiving Bitcoin

What happens if I send my Bitcoin to the wrong address?

All Bitcoin transactions are irreversible, there is no way to reverse a transaction. Your Bitcoin will be gone.

Fees for sending and receiving Bitcoin

Sometimes it can be very expensive to send and receive digital currency. This is due to the network size and the number of transactions being processed.

More Helpful Information

[aantonop](#) – A YouTube channel to find free, unbiased educational videos on all things Bitcoin and open blockchain.

[/r/BitcoinCA](#) – A Reddit community for cryptocurrency in Canada. It's a great place to keep up to date on the latest changes in Crypto, Canadian laws and tax updates. Check the community sentiment on which exchanges are most trustworthy and have the best customer service and lowest fees.

[Canada Revenue Agency](#) – Guide for cryptocurrency users and tax professionals.

[Coingecko](#) – Get the latest cryptocurrency market overview & analysis including price, market cap, trading volume, and more.

[HowtoBuyBitcoin101.com](#) – A very basic guide for Canadians to get started with digital currency and learn how to buy a Bitcoin.