How to Add an "Alternate Authentication Phone Number in MS 365 Multi-factor Authentication

1. What is an Alternate Authentication Phone?

An alternate authentication phone number is used in case your primary phone for Microsoft 365 multi-factor authentication becomes unavailable for any reason. Setting up a backup number helps ensure you can still verify your identity.

2. How to Set It Up

Sign in to the Microsoft 365 portal. Click the profile icon (R) and select View Account.



On the My Account page, click Update Info under the Security Info section.



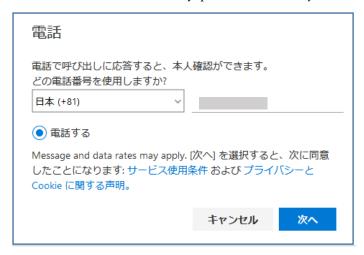
In the Security Info screen, click + Add sign-in method.



In the Add a method window, select Alternate Phone, then click Add.



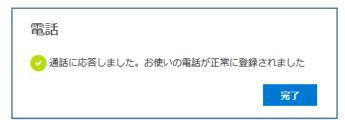
On the Phone screen, select Japan (+81), enter your alternate phone number, and click Next.



You'll receive a call to the number you entered. Follow the instructions and press # when prompted.



Once the verification is complete, click Done.



Your alternate phone number will now appear in the Security Info screen.