

Official: Twitter will now charge for SMS two-factor authentication

Four hours ago, *Platformer's* Zoe Schiffer tweeted a scoop: Twitter would begin charging for SMS two-factor authentication.

Now, it's official: You have to pay for the privilege of using Twitter's worst form of authentication. In fact, if you don't start paying for Twitter Blue (\$8 a month on Android; \$11 a month on iOS) or switch your account to use a far more reliable authenticator app or physical security key, Twitter will simply *turn off your 2FA* after March 20th.

I know which one I would choose.

That's how Twitter is trying to justify this change, too, but I wouldn't be surprised if there's a simpler reason: it costs money to send SMS messages, and Twitter does not have a lot of money right now. The company had been phasing out SMS even before Elon Musk took over.

<https://www.theverge.com/2023/2/17/23605073/twitter-blue-charge-sms-2fa>