

# All clients

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How people sign in and how strong that is: methods by strength, admins without phishing-resistant MFA, the methods policy, and password age and expiry.

## Sign-in methods policy 36

Which methods people may register and use, from the tenant's authentication methods policy, against what's recommended for a small business.

| Flag  | Client            | Setting                                       | Current                             | Recommended                                  | Why                                                                  |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | Contoso Legal LLP | Passkeys and security keys (FIDO2)            | On for Break glass                  | On                                           | Needed for phishing-resistant sign-in, which admins should use.      |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP | Microsoft Authenticator                       | On for All users                    | On                                           | The second factor most people should use.                            |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP | Authenticator shows which app is signing in   | Microsoft managed                   | On (Microsoft managed turns it on)           | Helps people spot a sign-in that isn't theirs.                       |
| ● Low | Contoso Legal LLP | Authenticator shows where the sign-in is from | Off                                 | On (Microsoft managed turns it on)           | Helps people spot a sign-in that isn't theirs.                       |
| ● Low | Contoso Legal LLP | Text message (SMS)                            | On for All users except Break glass | Off, once people use Authenticator           | Texts can be intercepted or moved to another SIM.                    |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP | Voice call                                    | Off                                 | Off                                          | Calls can be redirected, and are easy to approve by mistake.         |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP | Email one-time passcode                       | On for All users                    | Off, unless guests or password reset need it | Not a second factor for members; only for password reset and guests. |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP | Temporary Access Pass                         | Off                                 | On, for setting up passkeys                  | A time-limited pass for setting up a new phone or passkey.           |
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|       | Contoso Legal LLP     | Registration campaign (asks people to set up Authenticator at sign-in) | Microsoft managed, for All users, can be skipped for 1 day | On, or Microsoft managed                     | Moves people off text messages and calls.                                |
| ● Low | Contoso Legal LLP     | System-preferred MFA (asks for the strongest method a person has)      | Off                                                        | On, or Microsoft managed                     | Otherwise people are asked for their own default, often a text message.  |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP     | People can report an MFA prompt they didn't expect                     | Microsoft managed                                          | On                                           | A reported prompt blocks the account's risky sign-ins and alerts admins. |
|       | Contoso Legal LLP     | Methods managed in this policy (not the old MFA and SSPR settings)     | Yes                                                        | Yes                                          | Microsoft has retired the old per-user MFA and SSPR method settings.     |
|       | Fabrikam Dental Group | Passkeys and security keys (FIDO2)                                     | On for Break glass                                         | On                                           | Needed for phishing-resistant sign-in, which admins should use.          |
|       | Fabrikam Dental Group | Microsoft Authenticator                                                | On for All users                                           | On                                           | The second factor most people should use.                                |
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|       | Fabrikam Dental Group | Voice call                                                             | Off                                                        | Off                                          | Calls can be redirected, and are easy to approve by mistake.             |
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|       | Fabrikam Dental Group | Temporary Access Pass                                                  | Off                                                        | On, for setting up passkeys                  | A time-limited pass for setting up a new phone or passkey.               |
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