One vendor, one phone, one tool, one house, or one seed. Lose that one thing and the coins are gone. A hardware wallet does not remove that threat, because a device does not create the key.

What this guide is built to remove

One seed that can spend by itself is a leak, a fire, or one demand away from an empty wallet.

An app or an exchange holding the keys is not custody. A login is not a key. The company can freeze it, lose it, or be ordered to hand it over.

One place holding every copy means a fire, a flood, or a theft at that address takes all of them.

One device from one company means a failed maker is the whole fund. Firmware, a factory, or a shop can fail, and the coins fail with it.

A photo, a note, a password manager, or an email is one hacked account away from the seed. The words go on metal. They do not go on a screen that can be copied.