

Titanium plates and geographic split

Paper fails in the ways houses fail. Stamp each seed once at home, verify the stamp, then separate the plates so no single address holds a quorum. Geography is how you retire the last single point of failure.

Why metal

Paper / notebook	Ink runs. Fire wins. Do not stop here.
Steel plates	Survive most house fires and flooding. Watch cheap stamps.
Titanium stamp plates	Higher melt point, no rust, compact. Recommended default.
Digital copies	Photos, clouds, printers, password managers — treat as a leak.

How to stamp at home

- 01** Private room. No phones. Plate on a steel block. Stamp each letter deep.
- 02** Number words 1–24. Quiet label such as S1 — not your name, not “Bitcoin.”
- 03** Read the plate back against the paper seed. A mis-stamped word is a bricked backup.
- 04** Restore from the plate on offline Tails and confirm first addresses.
- 05** Destroy paper only after the plate-restore check passes.

What goes on each plate

Plate A

Seed 1 only

Home safe / fire box
Never Seed 2 or 3 here

Plate B

Seed 2 only

Off-site #1
Same address as A or C

Plate C

Seed 3 only

Off-site #2
Same address as A or B

Print the output descriptor and keep 10_Recovery.xlsx. Store that packet with Plate A and a copy at one off-site — never beside all three seeds. Hardware wallets do not replace these plates. Once a year at home: restore from plates, receive dust, spend dust, update locations. Write a letter that points to this packet and which two locations are needed — not the words.