

Security headers

Header	What it does	Safe starting value	Watch out for
Strict-Transport-Security	Tells browsers to use HTTPS only for this host	max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains	Only add preload once every subdomain serves HTTPS
Content-Security-Policy	Limits where scripts, styles and frames may load from	Start with Content-Security-Policy: Report-Only and a default-src 'self'	Inline scripts and third-party widgets break until they're allowed
X-Frame-Options	Stops other sites framing your pages (clickjacking)	SAMEORIGIN	Being replaced by CSP frame-ancestors; send both for older browsers
X-Content-Type-Options	Stops MIME-type sniffing	nosniff	Files served with the wrong Content-Type stop working
Referrer-Policy	Controls how much of the URL is sent as Referer	strict-origin-when-cross-origin	no-referrer can break analytics attribution
Permissions-Policy	Turns off browser features you don't use	camera=(), microphone=(), geolocation=()	Don't block a feature a page actually needs

Check headers after every server or CDN change. A rewrite rule or proxy can quietly drop them. Test the final URL after redirects, not just the bare domain.



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