

Secure Site with HTTPS



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You are using phpFox version earlier than 4.6.0? Please refer instruction for this article [here](#).



Warning!!

- You **MUST** have a security certificate (SSL) installed on your server before setting this! **If you do not have a certificate first, these settings will break your site.**
- These instructions **ARE NOT** applicable to those using **AWS service**. In this case, you can just enable SSL on AWS Load Balance instance and keep SSL/HTTPS-related settings of phpFox disabled.
- **In case you broke your site by mistakenly enabling HTTPS without having SSL certificate, and you are unable to access your site, use this guide to recover:** <https://community.phpfox.com/forum/thread/56697/guide-on-how-to-recover-website-after-accidentally-enabling-https-ssl-on-si/>

Once you have a [security certificate](#) for your server, you can set the following settings to use HTTPS for your phpFox site.

Secure Pages with HTTPS

If your server has support for HTTPS you can enable this feature to secure certain pages like the **login, registration, and account setting** pages.

- Choose SSL from menu Settings. At **Secure Pages with HTTPS** setting, change it to **Yes** to enable HTTPS secure.

The screenshot shows the phpFox settings interface. On the left is a dark sidebar menu with options: Dashboard, Apps, Globalization, Appearance, Members, Settings (highlighted), Browser Cookies, Mail Server, SEO, SSL (highlighted with a red arrow), Security, Server Settings, Site Settings, Spam Assistance, Time Stamps, Short URLs, URL Match, and Performance. The main content area is titled 'SSL'. It contains two sections: 'Secure Image Display' with a 'YES' toggle switch, and 'Secure Pages with HTTPS' with a yellow warning box and a 'NO' toggle switch (highlighted with a red arrow). The warning box text reads: 'Warning This is an important setting. Select a wrong option here can break the site or affect some features. If you are at all unsure about which option to configure, use the default value or contact us for support.' Below the warning box, it says: 'If your server has support for HTTPS you can enable this feature to secure certain pages like the login, registration and account setting pages.' At the bottom right of the settings area is a 'Save Changes' button.

Once done setting either or both of these settings, you will need to click save changes, [clear your site cache](#) and browser cache.