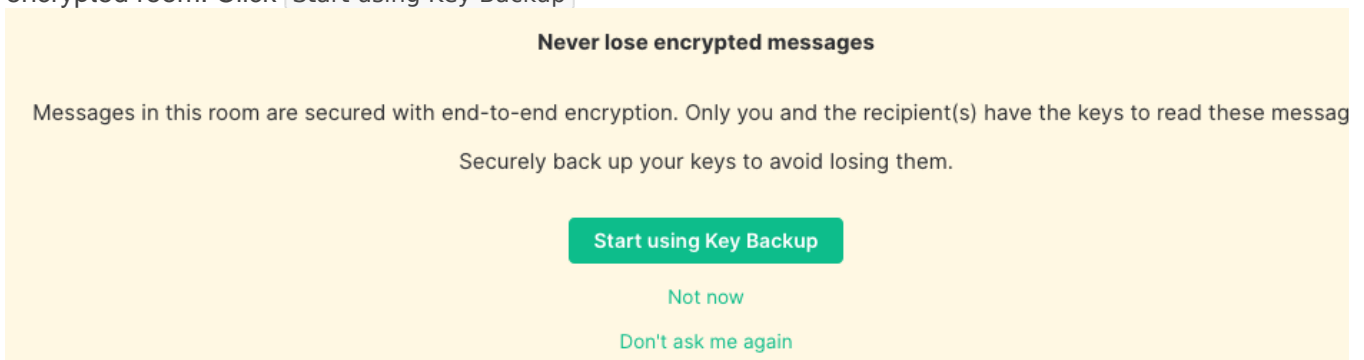# Set up Cross Signing

On first login to a new account

1. Sign up or log in
2. Click `Generate a Security Key` or `Enter a Security Phrase`. Then click `Continue`
3. Take note of your key, then click `Continue`

If you did not set it up on first login, or if you did not get asked

1. If you do not have key backup configured, you will be asked to set it up the first time you enter an encrypted room. Click `Start using Key Backup`

Never lose encrypted messages

Messages in this room are secured with end-to-end encryption. Only you and the recipient(s) have the keys to read these messag

Securely back up your keys to avoid losing them.

Start using Key Backup

Not now

Don't ask me again

2. Click `Generate a Security Key` or `Enter a Security Phrase`. Then `Continue`
3. Take note of your key, then click `Continue`
4. Enter your account password, then click `Continue`

If you clicked Don't ask me again

1. Go to Element `Security & Privacy` settings

2. Click `Start using Key Backup`

Encryption

Key backup

Your keys are **not being backed up from this session**.

Encrypted messages are secured with end-to-end encryption. Only you and the recipient(s) have the keys to read these messages.

Back up your keys before signing out to avoid losing them.

Start using Key Backup

3. Click `Generate a Security Key` or `Enter a Security Phrase`. Then `Continue`
4. Take note of your key, then click `Continue`
5. Enter your account password, then click `Continue`