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Major Crypto Bridge Incidents Since 2021

14 November 2026

ESTIMATED LOSSES	INCIDENTS	MOST COMMON EXPLOIT
$3.42B	13	Key Compromise

ANALYSIS

Token bridges are clear weak points in the crypto ecosystem, which makes them prime targets for bad actors. Most losses came from compromised keys and flawed verification, not market events. Wrapped tokens that can only be off-ramped through the bridge are especially risky, because if the bridge fails, the exit fails with it. Favor decentralized verification and audited contracts, and limit wrapped or in-transit funds.

DATE	PROTOCOL	LOSS	TYPE	DETAILS
14 Nov 2026	**Kava / Kava Lend**	**~$3.3M**	Under investigation	Reported, unconfirmed. Tokens bridged to BSC and sold. Team says isolated to Kava Lend, not an infinite mint. Official figures pending.
06 Sep 2026	**Liquid Network**	**$320M**	Verification flaw	Cache bug minted ~4,000 unbacked L-BTC; 3,400 returned.
18 Apr 2026	**KelpDAO rsETH**	**$292M**	Infra / config	Forged message accepted on a 1-of-1 verifier. ~$71M frozen.
16 Jul 2024	**LI.FI (Jumper)**	**$11.6M**	Approval drain	New facet drained infinite token approvals. Users made whole.
01 Jan 2024	**Orbit Bridge**	**$81.5M**	Key compromise	7 of 10 signers approved outflows. Insider claim unconfirmed.
22 Nov 2023	**HECO Bridge**	**$86.6M**	Key compromise	Operator wallet compromised. Bridge funds not recovered.
06 Jul 2023	**Multichain**	**$126M**	Key / insider	MPC keys held by one person. CEO in custody. Not recovered.
06 Oct 2022	**BNB Token Hub**	**$570M**	Verification flaw	Forged proofs withdrew 2M BNB. Most frozen; ~$100M exited.
01 Aug 2022	**Nomad**	**$190M**	Verification flaw	Trusted root set to zero. ~$36M returned.
23 Jun 2022	**Harmony Horizon**	**$100M**	Key compromise	2 of 5 multisig keys taken (Lazarus). Not recovered.
23 Mar 2022	**Ronin**	**$624M**	Key compromise	5 of 9 validator keys taken (Lazarus). Recapitalized.
02 Feb 2022	**Wormhole**	**$326M**	Verification flaw	Signature check bypassed. Jump replaced 120,000 wETH.
27 Jan 2022	**Qubit (QBridge)**	**$80M**	Contract bug	Legacy deposit minted unbacked assets. Not recovered.
10 Aug 2021	**Poly Network**	**$611M**	Contract bug	Crafted call replaced keepers. Nearly all funds returned.

Sources: project post-mortems, rekt.news, DefiLlama, Chainalysis, Elliptic, CertiK, The Block, CoinDesk, PANews, TokenPost.