Mobile Device Privacy & Security



Android Security & Privacy

Device Access, Operating System Updates

Enable biometrics: Settings > Security and Privacy > Biometrics > follow onscreen instructions for face or fingerprints

Change password: Settings > Security and Privacy > Lock Screen > Screen Lock

Enable multi-factor-authentication: Settings > Google Account > Security and Privacy > Two Step Verification > On

Set automatic screen lock: Settings > Display > Screen timeout > set to 15/30 seconds

Turn on Find my phone: Settings > Security and Privacy > Find my Mobile > Allow this phone to be found > On

Check for operating system updates: Settings > Software Update > Download and install Set automatic OS updates: > Auto download over WiFi > On

Check for app updates: Google Play Store > User Icon > Manage apps and device > Update all

Activate automatic app updates: Google Play Store > User Icon > Settings > Network Preferences > Auto Update Apps

Browsing

Turn on Enhanced Safe Browsing: Settings > Google > Manage your Google Account > Security > Enhanced Safe Browsing > On

Enable Multi Factor Authentication on Google Account: Settings > Google > Manage your Google Account > Security > 2 Step Verification > On

Clear browsing history: Chrome > More (3 vertical dots at top right) > Settings > Privacy and security > Clear browsing data > clear all-time browsing history, cookies, cached images and files > regularly clearing the browser improves battery longevity, system performance

Open private browsing window: Chrome > More (3 vertical dots at top right), New Incognito tab

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Data

Data Determine what apps have access to your data: Settings > Security and Privacy > Privacy > Permission manager > Consider restricting app access to Camera, Call Logs, Location, Microphone, Phone, Files and Media as appropriate

Review third-party apps with access to location services: Settings > Location > App permissions, Location Services > review each app for appropriateness; consider changing from 'Allow all the time' to 'Allow only while using the app' according to app utilization, necessity

Turn off WiFi and Bluetooth when not in use: Settings > Connections > WiFi, Bluetooth > Off

Unpair inactive WiFi and Bluetooth connections: Settings > WiFi, Bluetooth > click on routers/devices you wish to unpair > Forget/Unpair

Advertising

Turn off personalized ads (two steps):

- 1) Settings > Security & Privacy > Privacy > Other privacy settings > Ads > Reset and Delete advertising ID (deletes previously collected data)
- 2) Settings > Security & Privacy > Privacy > Other privacy settings > Ad privacy: turn off Ad topics, App suggested ads, Ad measurement

Send diagnostic data: Settings > Security & Privacy > Other privacy settings > Send diagnostic data > consider turning Off to preserve battery life

Usage and diagnostics: Settings > Security and Privacy > Privacy > Other privacy settings > Usage & diagnostics > consider turning Off to preserve battery life

