


iPhone 17.4.1 Security & Privacy

Device Access, Operating System Updates

Enable biometrics: Settings  > Face ID & Passcode > Set up Face ID > follow onscreen instructions

Change password: Settings > Apple ID > Sign In & Security > Change Password

Enable multi-factor-authentication: Settings > Sign In & Security > Apple ID > Two-Factor Authentication > On

Set automatic screen lock: Settings > Display & Brightness > Auto Lock > select 1-5 mins

Turn on Find my iPhone (two methods):

- Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services > Share My Location > Find my iPhone > On
- Settings > Apple ID > Find My > Find My iPhone > On

Check for operating system updates, activate automatic updates: Settings > General > Software Update > Automatic Updates > On

Check for app updates: Apple Store > User Profile > Upcoming Automatic Updates > Update All



Browsing

Identify, resolve weak/duplicate passwords you are using on websites: Settings > Passwords > Security Recommendations > turn on Detect Compromised Passwords > resolve high priority items


Safari security and privacy: Settings > Safari > Safari Privacy & Security > turn on: Prevent Cross-Site Tracking, Hide IP Address From Trackers, Fraudulent Website Warning

Safari website browsing: Settings > Safari > Settings for Websites > consider denying website access to your Camera, Microphone, Location

Clear browsing history: Settings > Safari > Clear History and Website Data > regularly clearing the browser improves battery longevity, system performance

Open private browsing window: Safari > Tap Tabs  ; tap Private

Turn off WiFi when not in use: Settings > WiFi > Off

Unpair inactive WiFi connections: Settings > WiFi > click  on routers you wish to unpair > Forget This Network

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Data

Determine what people, apps, devices have access to your data: Settings ⚙️ > Privacy & Security > Safety Check > Manage Sharing & Access > Continue > Continue > remove/adjust excessive app permissions based on app necessity

Review apps that have requested privacy permissions: Settings > Privacy & Security > review each privacy category to identify and remove excessive permissions - particularly with Bluetooth, Local Network, Mic, Camera, Files and Folders

Review third-party apps with access to location services: Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services > review each app permission - consider changing from 'While Using the App' to 'Ask Next Time' or 'Never' based on app necessity

Turn off app tracking: Settings > Privacy & Security > Tracking > Off

Turn off Significant Locations: Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services > System Services > Significant Locations > Off

Turn off Bluetooth when not in use: Settings > Bluetooth > Off



Unpair inactive Bluetooth devices: Settings > Bluetooth > click ⓘ on device you wish to unpair > Forget This Device

Identify, reduce number of apps refreshing in background: Settings > General > Background App Refresh > turn off background refresh for applications that do not provide time-sensitive alerts (e.g. YouTube, LinkedIn, Chrome) to improve battery longevity, device performance

Enable Sensitive Content Warning: Settings > Privacy & Security > Sensitive Content Warning > On

Advertising

Review, adjust advertising preferences: Settings > Privacy & Security > Apple Advertising > turn off Personalized Ads

Reset Advertising Identifier ID: Settings > Privacy & Security > Tracking > toggle off/on/off to remove previously tracked data

Analytics & Improvements: Settings > Privacy & Security > Analytics & Improvements > consider turning off all items to preserve battery