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You can send and receive text messages, photos, voice messages, and video using Google Messages. If you don't have Google Messages, you can get it from Google Play. Make Google Messages your default messaging app

Important: Some of these steps only work on Android 6.0 and up. Learn how to check your Android version.

Important: Your messages are stored in the SMS database on your device, and other apps may be able to access your messages. For more information about how to manage your app permissions, contact your device manufacturer. If your device has more than one messaging app, you can make Google Messages your default messaging app. When you make Google Messages your default messaging app, you can review your text message history in Google Messages, and you'll only be able to send and receive new text messages in Google Messages. To set Google Messages as your default messaging app, select an option: Alternatively, Open Settings . Click Apps. In the list of apps, click Google Messages SMS Google Messages . If you no longer want Google Messages to be your default messaging app, you can uninstall Google Messages or change your default messaging app from your device's settings. Start a conversation with one of your contacts If a contact is already in your phone, it'll show as a contact in your Google Messages. You can also add a new contact from within the app itself. Open Google Messages . Tap Start chat. Enter the name, phone number, or email of the person you want to send a message to. Enter your message. Tap Send . Add a new number in your conversation list as a contact Open Google Messages . Select a conversation that exists with someone not in your contacts. Tap More Add contact. Add a new contact from a group conversation Open Google Messages . Select a group conversation with the number you want to add as a contact. Tap More Details. Tap the number you want to add Add contact. Change notification settings for specific people Open Google Messages . Open a conversation with the person you want to change notifications for. Tap More Details Notifications. Tip: You can turn notifications on or off completely for this person, or edit advanced settings for how notifications display on your device. Reply to a message You can send replies to messages. When you send a reply to a specific message in a conversation, the content of the original message is quoted along with your reply. Tip: If you use a computer, you can view replies to messages, but you can't send replies. Replies are available if you have chat features turned on. Learn more about chat features. Open Google Messages . Tap and hold the message you want to reply to in a conversation. Tap the Reply arrow . Enter your message. Get a verification code from a message Some apps and websites send you a verification code, a security code, or a one-time password to use to sign in or confirm your identity. Copy code from a message Open Google Messages . Open a message with a verification code. Click Copy {Code} . On the app or website, paste the code. Tip: Google can't view your messages or verification codes. They aren't sent to Google servers as part of this feature. Search for messages, photos, places & more Search in messages Schedule messages to send later Schedule messages Important: With Android 7.0 and up, you can schedule messages to send on phones. If your phone isn't connected to Wi-Fi or data at the scheduled time, your message is sent when your device reconnects. Open Google Messages . Open a conversation. Enter your message. Touch and hold Send . Choose from the suggestions. Optional: If you choose your own date and time, a calendar opens. After you pick a date, a clock opens so you can pick a time. Tap Next. Tap Send . Tip: If you open a conversation with a scheduled message, there's a "Scheduled message" notification. Edit, send, or delete a scheduled message Open Google Messages . Open the conversation with the scheduled message. Next to the scheduled message, tap Schedule . You can update, send, or delete the scheduled message. Make a message larger Zoom in on a message to increase text size Related resources Post to the help community Get answers from community members In the coming months, the Location History setting name will change to Timeline. If Location History is turned on for your account, you may find Timeline in your app and account settings. Learn more. Location History is a Google Account setting that creates Timeline, a personal map that helps you remember: Places you go Routes to destinations Trips you take It can also give you personalized experiences across Google based on where you go. When Location History is on, even when Google apps aren't in use, your precise device location is regularly saved to: Your devices Google servers To make Google experiences helpful for everyone, we may use your data to: Show information based on anonymized location data, such as: Popular times Environmental insights Detect and prevent fraud and abuse. Improve and develop Google services, such as ads products. Help businesses determine if people visit their stores because of an ad, if you have Web & App Activity turned on. We share only anonymous estimates, not personal data, with businesses. This activity can include info about your location from your device's general area and IP address. Learn more about how Google uses location data. Things to know about Location History: Location History is off by default. We can only use it if you turn Location History on. You can turn off Location History at any time in your Google Account's Activity controls. You can review and manage your Location History. You can: Important: Some of these steps work only on Android 8.0 and up. Learn how to check your Android version. You can turn off Location History for your account at any time. If you use a work or school account, your administrator needs to make this setting available for you. If they do, you'll be able to use Location History as any other user. Go to the "Location History" section of your Google Account. Choose whether your account or your devices can report Location History to Google. Your account and all devices: At the top, turn Location History on or off. Only a certain device: Under "This device" or "Devices on this account," turn the device on or off. Google can estimate your location with: Signals like Wi-Fi and mobile networks GPS Sensor information Your device location may also periodically be used in the background. When Location History is on, even when Google apps aren't in use, your device's precise location is regularly saved to: Your devices Google servers When you're signed in with your Google Account, it saves the Location History of each device with the setting "Devices on this account" turned on. You can find this setting in the Location History settings on your Google Account. You can choose which devices provide their location data to Location History. Your settings don't change for other location services on your device, such as: Google Location Services Location Sharing Find My Device When Location History is off Your device doesn't save its location to your Location History. You may have previous Location History data in your account. You can manually delete it anytime. Your settings don't change for other location services on your device, such as: Google Location Services Location Sharing Find My Device If settings like Web and App Activity are on but you turn off Location History or delete location data from Location History, your Google Account may still save location data as part of your use of other Google sites, apps, and services. This activity can include info about your location from your device's general area and IP address. Delete Location History You can manage and delete your Location History information with Google Maps Timeline. You can choose to delete all of your history, or only parts of it. Important: When you delete Location History information from Timeline, you won't be able to see it again. On your Android device, open the Google Maps app . Tap your profile picture or initial Your timeline . In the top right, tap More Settings and privacy. Under "Location settings," tap Delete all Location History. Follow the on-screen instructions. On your Android device, open the Google Maps app . Tap your profile picture or initial Your timeline . Tap More Settings and privacy. Under "Location settings," tap Delete Location History range. Follow the on-screen instructions. On your Android device, open the Google Maps app . Tap your profile picture or initial Your timeline . Tap Show calendar . Select which day you want to delete. Tap More Delete day. Follow the on-screen instructions. On your Android device, open the Google Maps app . Tap your profile picture or initial Your timeline . Tap Show calendar . Select the day with a stop you want to delete. Tap the stop you want to delete Delete . Follow the on-screen instructions. In your web browser, open your Google Maps Timeline. Tap Delete . Follow the on-screen instructions. In your web browser, open your Google Maps Timeline. Choose a year, month, and day you want to delete. Tap Delete . Follow the on-screen instructions. In your web browser, open your Google Maps Timeline. Choose a year, month, and day you want to delete. Next to the stop you want to delete, tap More Remove stop from day. Follow the on-screen instructions. Automatically delete your Location History You can choose to automatically delete Location History that's older than 3 months, 18 months, or 36 months. On your Android device, open the Google Maps app . Tap your profile picture or initial Your timeline . At the top right, tap More Settings and privacy. Scroll to "Location settings." Tap Automatically delete Location History. Follow the on-screen instructions. In your web browser, open your Google Maps Timeline. At the bottom right, click Settings Automatically delete Location History. Follow the on-screen instructions. What happens after you delete some or all Location History If you delete some or all of your Location History, personalized experiences across Google may degrade or be lost. For example, you may lose: Recommendations based on places you visit Real-time information about when best to leave for home or work to beat traffic Important: If you have other settings like Web & App Activity turned on and you pause Location History or delete location data from Location History, you may still have location data saved in your Google Account as part of your use of other Google sites, apps, and services. For example, location data may be saved as part of activity on Search and Maps when your Web & App Activity setting is on, and included in your photos depending on your camera app settings. Web & App Activity can include info about your location from your device's general area and IP address. Learn about use & diagnostics for Location History After you turn on Location History, your device may send diagnostic information to Google about what works or doesn't work for Location History. Google processes any information it collects under Google's privacy policy. What information your device could share Your device may send information to Google to help improve Google apps, products, and Android devices. For example, Google can use information to improve: Battery life: We estimate what apps use the most battery on your device to reduce battery consumption for commonly used features. Location accuracy: We use location sensors and settings to improve location estimates for apps and services. Information your phone could send to Google may include: Quality and length of your connections to: Mobile networks GPS Wi-Fi networks Bluetooth State of your location settings Restarts and crash reports Google apps you use to turn Location History on or off How shared information helps Google improve Usage and diagnostics information can help improve Google apps, products, and Android devices. For example, Google can use information to improve: Battery life: Google can use information about what's using the most battery on your device to help reduce battery consumption for commonly used features. Location accuracy: Google can use information from location sensors and settings to help improve location estimates for apps and services. Learn more about other location settings Post to the help community Get answers from community members SearchClear searchClose searchGoogle appsMain menu