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Parental Controls information

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Features and Benefits
WhatsApp privacy settings allow you to restrict who can see your child’s messages and location. There are also ways to block delete or report users on the platform. Please note, WhatsApp new privacy policy has come into effect starting May 15.

What specific content can I restrict?

- Chatting
- Downloading file sharing
- Location sharing
- Privacy
- Privacy and identity theft

What do I need?
A WhatsApp account
Control who sees your information You can set your last seen, profile photo and/or status to the following options: Everyone, My Contacts and Nobody: 1. Open WhatsApp and go to your Settings, tap Account, then tap Privacy. 2. Next, tap your selected option, then choose from either option: ‘Everyone’, ‘My Contacts’ or ‘Nobody’. 3. The changes will be applied automatically.
1. **Privacy Guide**

2. **Account Privacy Settings**

   - Last Seen: Nobody
   - Profile Photo: My Contacts
   - About: My Contacts
   - Groups: Everyone
   - Status: My Contacts

3. **Status Visibility**

   - Everyone
   - My Contacts
   - Nobody
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How to block contacts You can stop receiving messages, calls and status updates from certain contacts by blocking them. Open WhatsApp, choose the person you want to block either by searching or scrolling through your chat list. 2. Tap on their name, then scroll down and tap Block Contact.
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How to report contacts

1. Open WhatsApp, choose the person you want to report either by searching or scrolling through your chat list.
2. Tap on their name, then scroll down and tap Report or Report and Block Contact. Please note, if you report and block, your chat with this contact will also be deleted.
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Create New Contact

Add to Existing Contact

Media, Links, and Docs: None

Starred Messages: None

Chat Search: 

Muted: until 13/06/2021, 12:08

Custom Tone: Default (Note)

Save to Camera Roll: Default

Encryption: Messages in this chat are secured with end-to-end encryption. Tap to verify.

Report this contact to WhatsApp? If you report and block, your chat with this contact will also be deleted.

Report and Block

Report

Cancel
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How to change group privacy settings
You can decide who can add you to groups by selecting your preferred option.
Open WhatsApp, go to Settings, tap Account, Privacy then Groups.
2. Next, choose from either option: ‘Everyone’, ‘My Contacts’ or ‘My Contacts Except...’
Admins who can’t add you to a group will have the option of inviting you privately instead.
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WHO CAN ADD ME TO GROUPS

Everyone

My Contacts

My Contacts Except...

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Disable automatic photo or video downloads

The default settings for WhatsApp is that photos and videos you receive are automatically saved to your camera roll. To disable this:

1. Open WhatsApp, go to Setting, tap Chat, next to Save to Camera Roll, slide to toggle off.
2. If prompted, tap DONE or tap OK.

Group privacy settings aren’t available on WhatsApp Web or Desktop.
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Enable Screen Lock When enabled, you’ll need Face ID to unlock WhatsApp. Open WhatsApp, go to Settings, tap Account, Privacy then tap Screen Lock. Swipe to switch the feature on, then tap the time you want to apply. These changes are automatically applied.
If you turn off read receipts, you won't be able to see read receipts from other people. Read receipts are always sent for group chats.

**Screen Lock**

Require Face ID to unlock WhatsApp.
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Require Face ID

When enabled, you'll need to use Face ID to unlock WhatsApp. You can still reply to messages, mark notifications and answer calls if WhatsApp is locked.

Immediately
After 1 minute
After 15 minutes
After 1 hour
Disable Live Location Live location requires background location which can be managed from your device settings: Go to your device Settings, then scroll down to WhatsApp, tap this then tap Location. To turn off location select the Never or Ask Next Time option. Go back to WhatsApp to check the location is switched off. Go to Settings, Account, Privacy then Live Location.
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ALLOW LOCATION ACCESS

Never

Ask Next Time

While Using the App

Always

App explanation: "If you allow access for your location, you can choose to show your location, and it will update even when you’re not using the app. If you only allow access while using the app, you can only see your current location at a nearby place."

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Live Location

You aren’t sharing live location in any chats.

Live location requires background location. You can manage this in your device settings.