

How to protect your mobile app privacy

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PRIVACY AT STAKE: THOUSANDS OF ANDROID APPS STEALING DATA, EVEN WHEN DISALLOWED

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Do you think your phone/apps are listening to you or seeing you?







Apps can open and use your microphone and camera without your consent

- Our phones are equipped with cameras, microphones, and GPS tracking capabilities that you wouldn't want just anyone having access to
- Apps could be secretly accessing your smartphone's microphone and camera to spy on you, or collect data to serve you targeted advertisements.



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5 Ways to Help Ensure Mobile App Privacy





1. Pay Attention When Granting Permissions Within the App

• When you accept permissions, apps can send sensitive user data such as your location, photos and microphone information.

Change app permissions (for all brands except iPhone)

- 1. On your phone, open the Settings app.
- 2. Tap Apps & notifications.
- 3. Tap the app you want to **change**. If you can't find it, first tap See all apps or App info.
- 4. Tap **Permissions**. If you allowed or denied any **permissions** for the app, you'll find them here.
- 5. To **change** a **permission** setting, tap it, then choose Allow or Deny.





2. Virtual Private Network (VPN) on Public WiFi

- VPNs are an excellent method to cover your digital footprint
- To use VPN you need to download a VPN app from the Play Store









3. Keep your Apps Up to Date

Update Android apps automatically

To automatically update apps on your Android device:

- 1. Open the Google Play Store app 🔈 .
- 2. Tap Menu \equiv > Settings.
- 3. Tap Auto-update apps.
- 4. Select an option:

Over any network to update apps using either Wi-Fi or mobile data. Over Wi-Fi only to update apps only when connected to Wi-Fi.

Note: If an account on your device has a sign-in error, apps may not update automatically.

Update Android apps manually

To update apps individually or in bulk using the Google Play Store app on your mobile device:

- 1. Open the Google Play Store app **>**.
 - Tap Menu \equiv > My apps & games.
- 3. Apps with an update available are labeled "Update." You can also search for a specific app.
- 4. Tap Update.

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Note: Some apps require new permissions when they are updated. You may see a notification asking if you accept the new permissions.

Tip: In some cases, you may need to restart your device to update an app.





4. ONLY Download Apps from the Official Google and Apple's App Store

• Unless you are confident about the source prefer to download apps from the official app stores.







5. Download Antistalker Free to Protect your Privacy



AntiStalker



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- ★ Provides instant notifications when camera and microphone are used.
- ★ Gives the duration of the usage of microphone and camera.
- ★ Detects and names which apps open the microphone and camera.
- ★ Whitelist: Adding trusted apps to the exception list
- \star Real-time protection.
- \star You can customize the notifications you receive.
- ★ User friendly design.





How to Install Antistalker Free: Step by Step



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Antistalker Free: Menu



• Menu listing all the features of the app





Antistalker Free: Monitoring Console









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Future Products: Microphone & Camera Blockers

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- Provide instant notifications \star when camera and microphone are used.
- Enable to "switch off" the \star camera or the microphone.
- List all apps that have camera or \star microphone permissions and enable to change the permission.
- User friendly design. \star





Thank you!

Questions?



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