

# How to block Google from tracking you on an Android phone

Google uses user location data to improve service quality. But if you do not want to be tracked by Google every move, you can absolutely perform the simple steps below.

## 1. How to block Google from tracking your Android phone by disabling all location tracking features

If you want to completely block Google from tracking, you have two options.

### Turn off Android phone's location tracking

This is a 'destructive' plan because once activated it will block all applications on your phone from sending or receiving location and location data.

Step 1. Open Settings app on Android phone.

Step 2. Select 'Location'.

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# Settings



## Biometrics and security

Face recognition, Fingerprints, Find My Mobile



## Privacy

Permission manager



## Location

Location settings, Location requests



## Accounts and backup

Samsung Cloud, Smart Switch



## Google

Google settings



## Advanced features

Bixby Routines, Motions and gestures, One-handed mode



## Digital Wellbeing and parental controls

Screen time, App timers, Wind Down



## Device care

Battery, Storage, Memory, Security



## Apps



Step 3. Turn off mode at the top of screen by swiping left hand. This will change the word On to Off.

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< Location



On



App permissions

Improve accuracy

Use Wi-Fi and Bluetooth for more accurate location detection.

Recent location requests



Messages

Location services



Earthquake Alerts

On



Emergency Location Service

On



Google Location Accuracy

On



Google Location History



Google Location Sharing



## **Turn off Google's 'Location History' setting**


You can also turn off Location History mode in Google account. This will turn off location tracking of all Google apps and services with a single swipe.

Step 1. In the Settings app, select Google.

Step 2. Select "Manage your Google Account."



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 [Manage your Google Account](#)

COVID-19 SUPPORT



COVID-19 Exposure Notifications  
Off

SERVICES

Account services

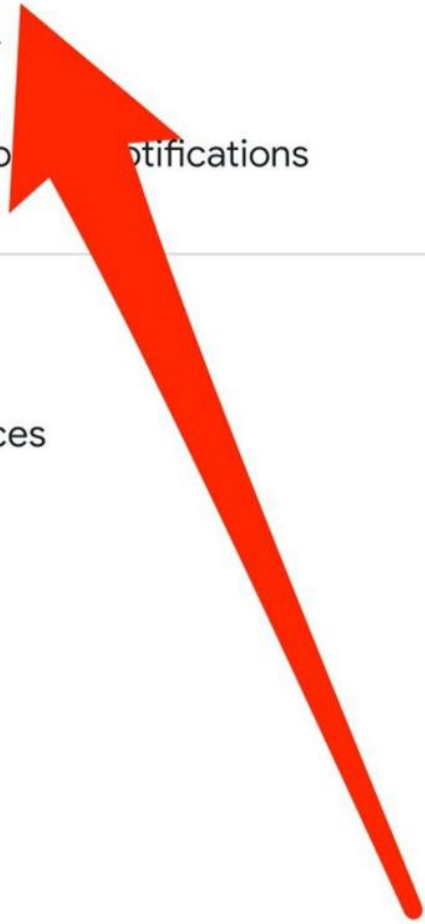
Ads

Autofill

Backup

Chromebook

Data & messaging



Step 3. On the account page, select "Privacy & personalization."

Step 4. Under Activity controls, select "Location History."



Personal info

**Data & personalization**

Security

### Activity controls

You can choose to save your activity for better personalization across Google. Turn on or pause these settings at any time.

Web & App Activity On

Location History On

YouTube History On

[Manage your activity controls](#)

### Ad personalization

You can make ads more useful to you

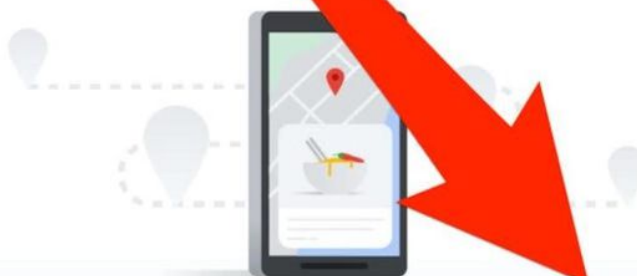
Ad personalization  
Ads Google shows you are personalized On

Step 5. Turn off Location History by bringing the option to the left.



# Activity controls


The data saved in your account helps give you more personalized experiences across all Google services. Choose which settings will save data in your Google Account.



**Location History**

Saves where you go with your devices, even when you aren't using a specific Google service, to give you personalized maps, recommendations based on places you've visited, and more. [Learn more](#)

Devices on this account ∨

 **Auto-delete (Off)** >  
Choose an auto-delete option

Step 6. At this point, users will see the Pause Location History page. This page explains that the user will lose some of the features by pressing continue. Select 'Pause' at the bottom of the page. (This button will appear after scrolling to the bottom of the page).

## **2. How to block Google from tracking your Android phone by disabling the location tracking features of a particular Google app**

If you want some apps to not track your location while you want to allow others to do so, you can do this through the Settings app on your Android phone.

Step 1. Select the Settings app.

Step 2. Select 'Location'

Step 3. Make sure the Location option on your device is turned On.

Step 4. Select "App permissions."

Step 5. For the application you want to block tracking, click Deny and click confirm to block tracking.

← Location permission



Google

LOCATION ACCESS FOR THIS APP

- Allow all the time
- Allow only while using the app
- Deny

[See all Google permissions](#)

If you deny this permission, basic features of your device may not function as intended.

Cancel

Deny anyway



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