

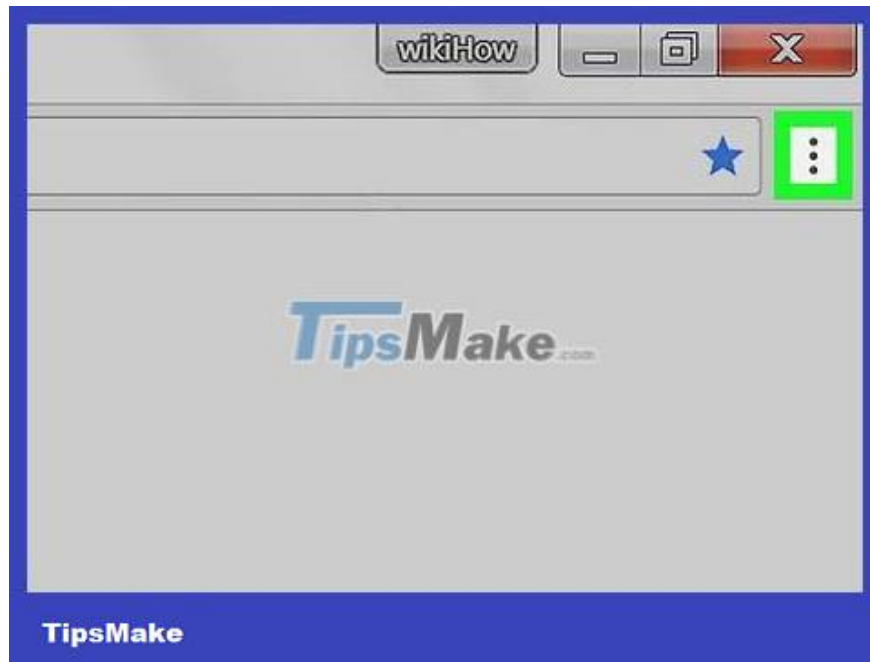
How to Enable Incognito Mode

This article shows you how to turn on your browser's 'incognito' window to avoid saving your browsing data. Several incognito modes are built into both the desktop and mobile interfaces of virtually every modern browser. If your computer administrator has disabled your browser's incognito mode, you can't enable (or find the option to enable) incognito mode.

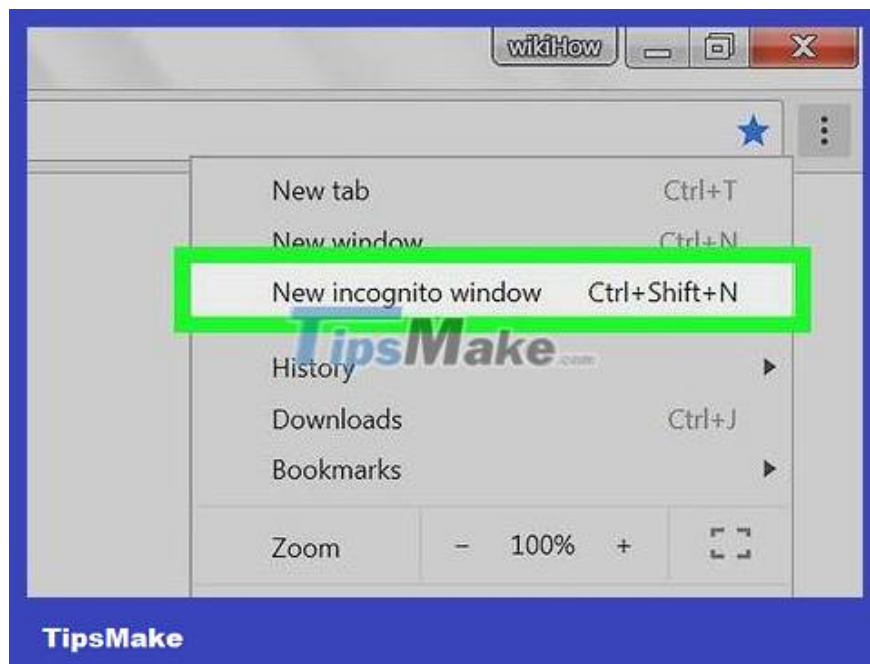
Chrome on computer



Open Google Chrome by clicking or double-clicking the app with the red, yellow, green, and blue sphere icon.



Click the ? option in the upper-right corner of the Chrome window, just below the X icon .



Click **New incognito window** . It's above the menu that appears. This will open a new Chrome window in incognito mode.

If you don't see this option, incognito mode may be limited by the Chrome browser.

Once you close the incognito tab, any browsing and download history during your private browsing period is deleted.

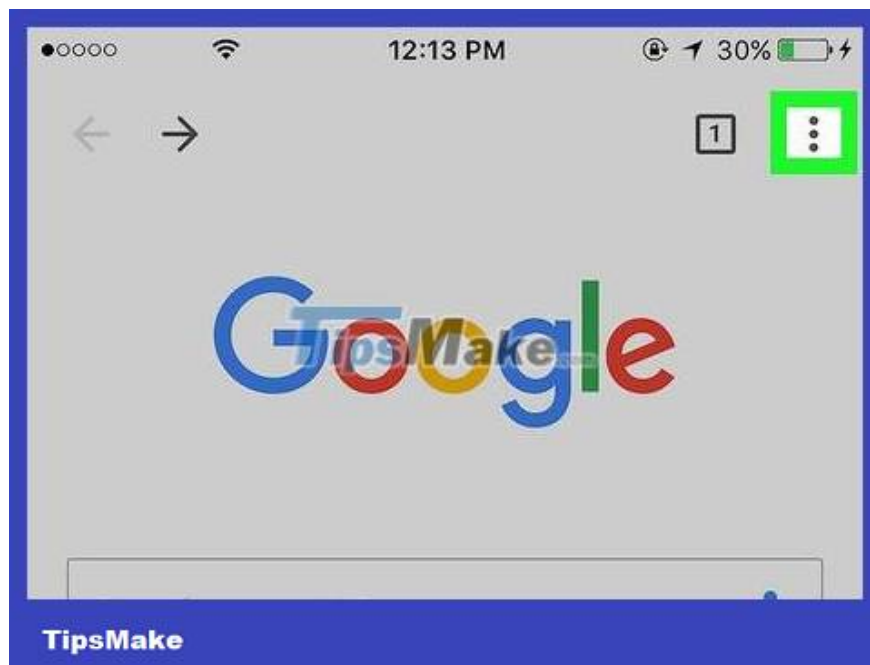


Use keyboard shortcuts. You can press Ctrl+ ? Shift+ N(on Windows) or ? Command+ ? Shift+ N (on Mac) to open a new incognito window every time you need it.

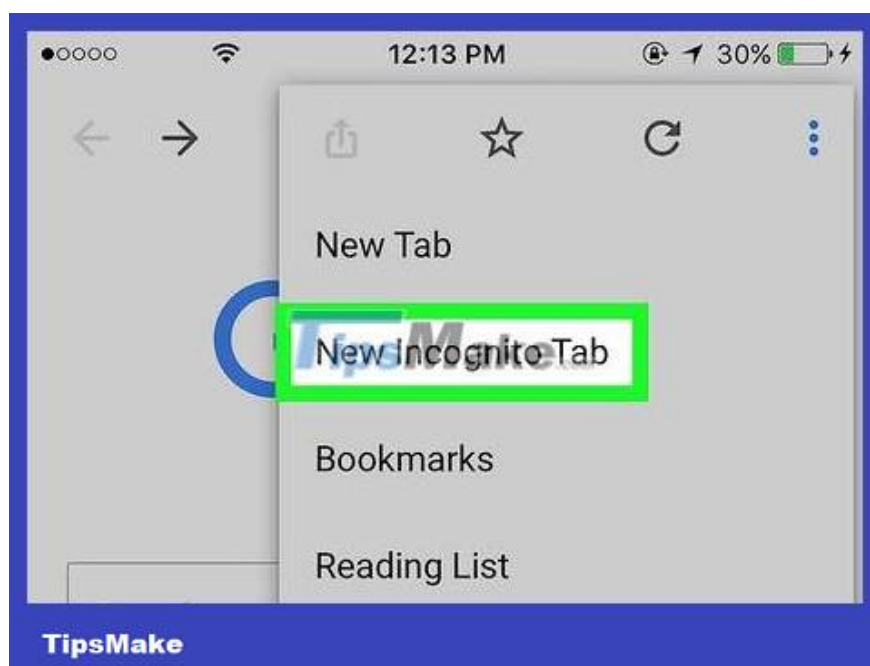
Chrome on phone



Open Google Chrome by tapping the app with the red, yellow, green, and blue sphere icon.



Tap the ? icon in the top right corner of the screen.



Tap New Incognito Tab . This will open a new incognito window so your browsing data isn't saved in your history. When you close the window, all browsing information and downloaded files are deleted from Chrome.

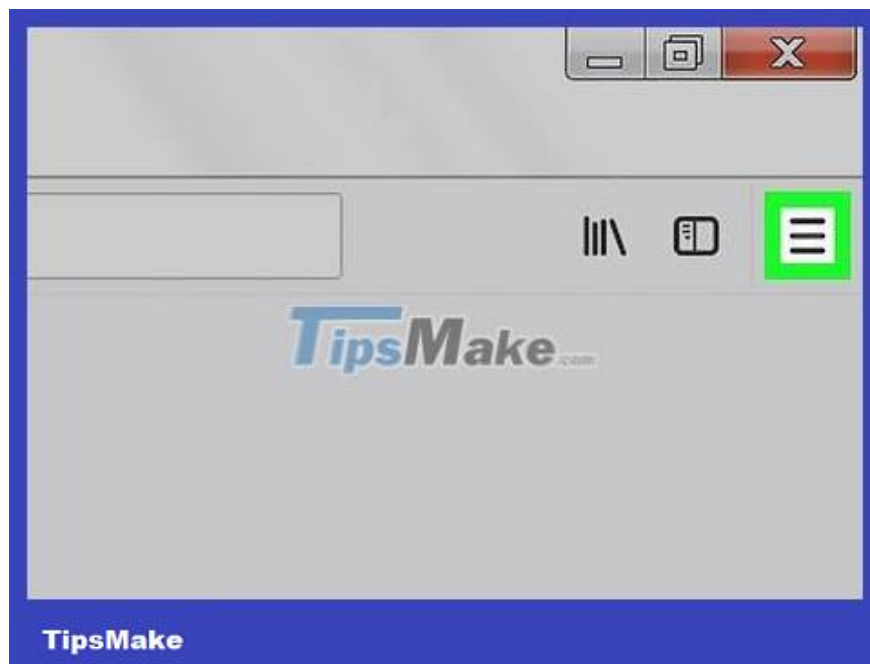
Incognito windows are darker than regular Chrome windows.

You can switch between a regular Chrome window and an incognito window by tapping the numbered square icon at the top of the screen and swiping right or left.

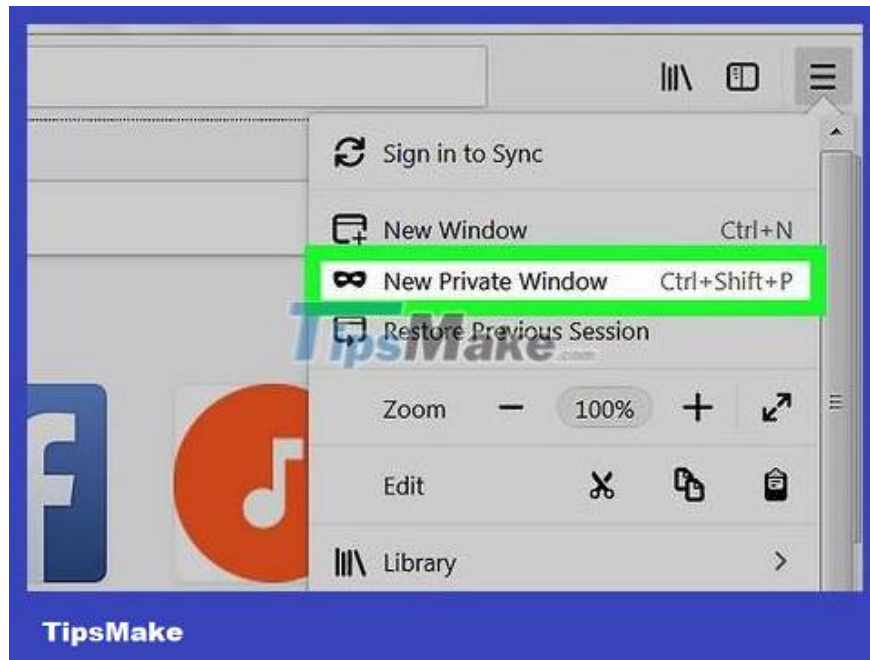
Firefox on computer



Open Firefox browser. Click or double-click the app with the orange fox icon wrapped around a blue globe.



Click the ? icon in the top-right corner of the Firefox window to open a list of options.



Click New Private Window . This opens a new private browsing window so that browsing and download data will not be saved in Firefox's history.



Use keyboard shortcuts. You can press **Ctrl+ ? Shift+ P**(Windows) or **? Command+ ? Shift+ P** (Mac) to open a new private browsing window from any page in Firefox.

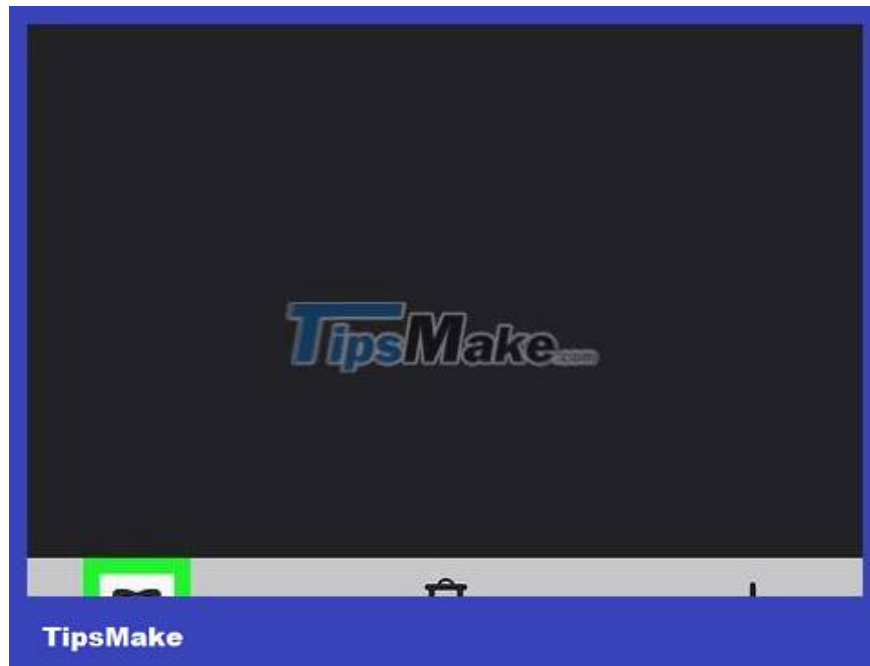
Firefox on iPhone



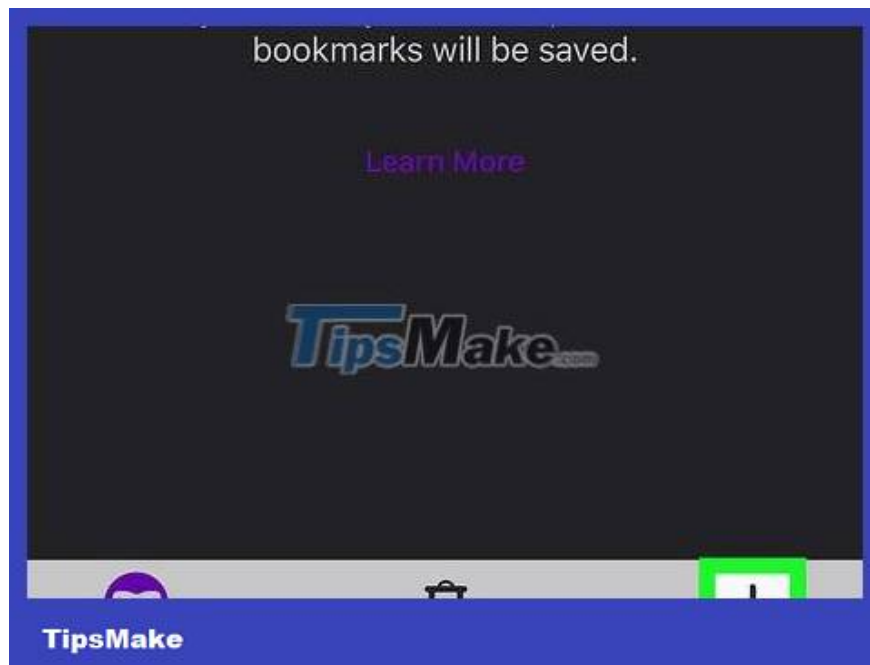
Open Firefox. Tap the app icon with an orange fox wrapped around a blue globe.



Tap the numbered square "Tabs" icon at the bottom of the screen to see a list of open tabs.



Tap the mask icon in the bottom left corner of the screen. The mask icon will turn purple, indicating you're in private browsing mode.



Tap the ? mark below the right corner of the screen to open a new tab in private browsing mode. Thus, your search history will not be saved when using this card.

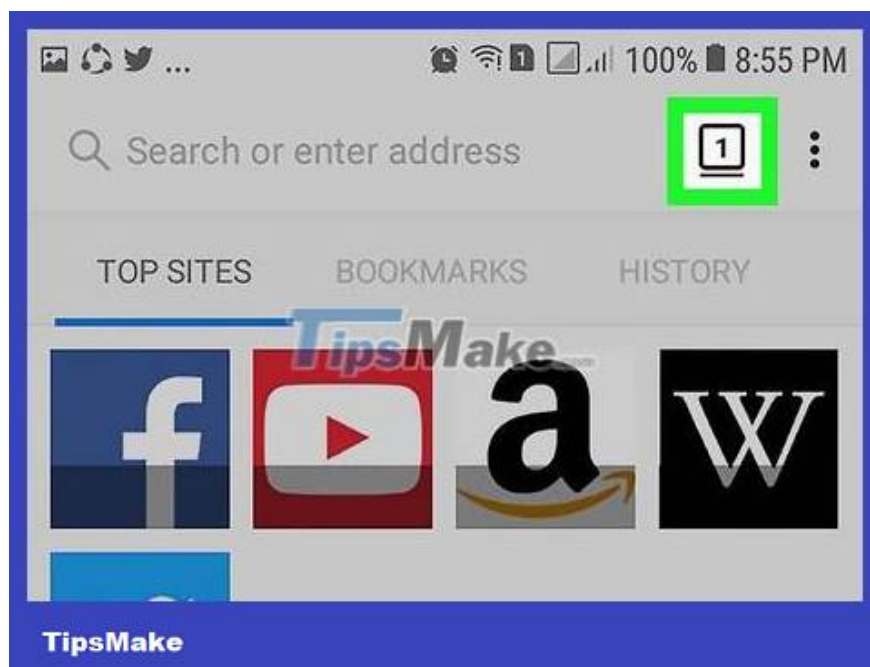
You can switch to regular browsing mode by tapping the numbered square and tapping the mask icon to turn it off.

Closing Firefox will remove any private browsing tabs.

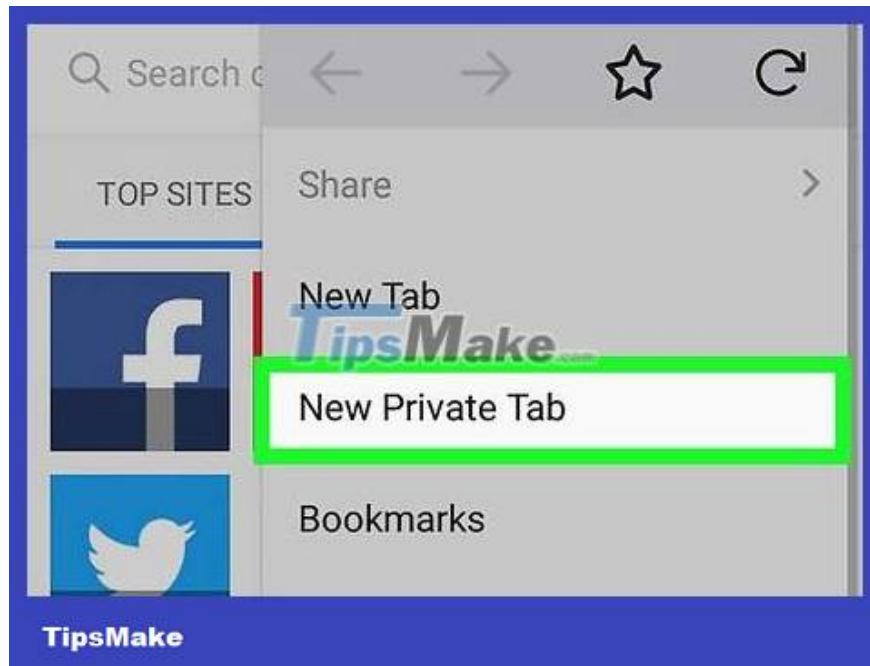
Firefox on Android



Open Firefox. Tap the app icon with an orange fox wrapped around a blue globe.



Tap the ? icon in the top right corner of the screen to open the menu.



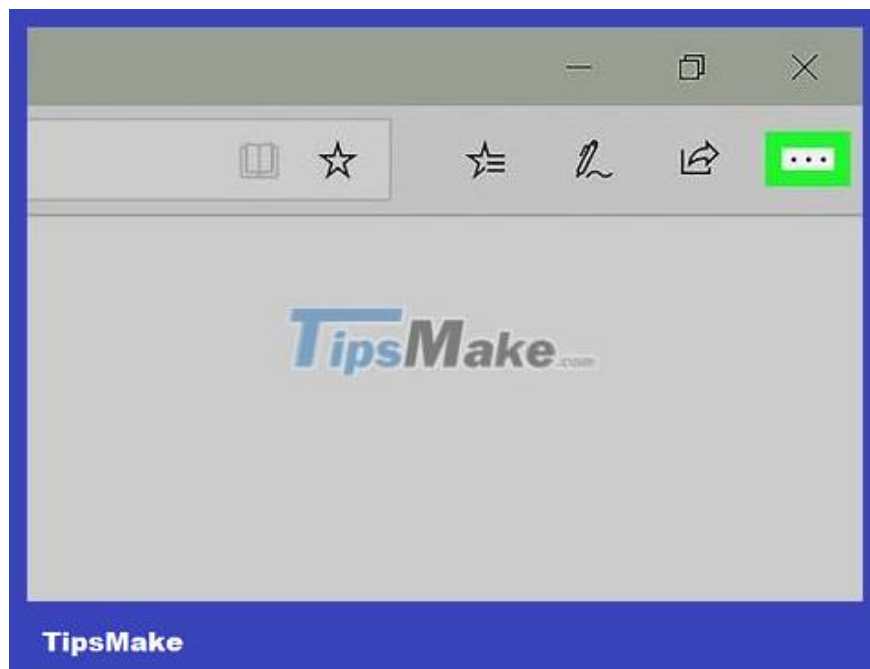
Tap the New private tab option at the top of the menu that appears. This is the operation to open a new tab in private browsing mode. Your browsing history will not be saved while using this tab.

You can switch to the regular browsing tab by tapping the numbered square in the top right corner of the screen and tapping the hat icon in the top left corner.

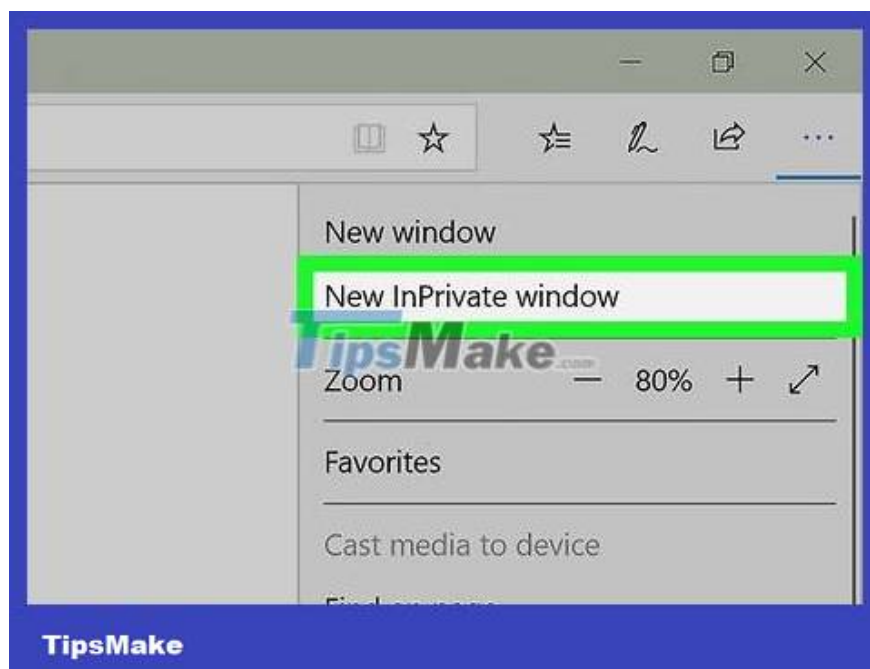
Microsoft Edge



Open Microsoft Edge. Click or double-click the app icon with a white "e" on a dark blue background (or a dark blue "e").



Click the ? icon in the top-right corner of the window to open the menu.



Click **New InPrivate Window** . It's near the top of the menu. This opens a new web browser window to help you surf the web and download files without Edge saving data in your history.

Closing the private window returns the browsing window to normal mode.

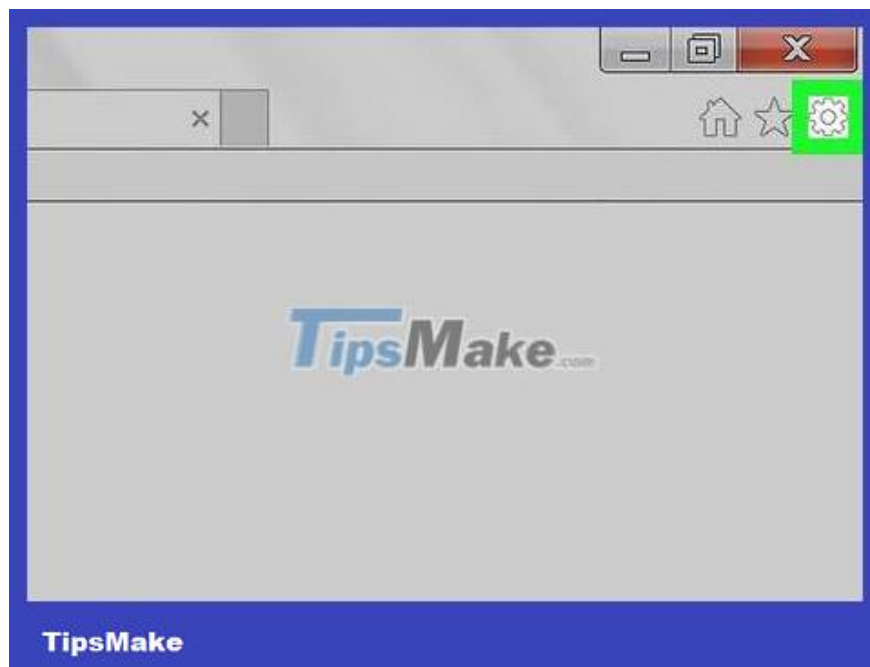


Use keyboard shortcuts. You can press the key combination `Ctrl, ? Shift and P` to open a private browsing window every time you use Microsoft Edge.

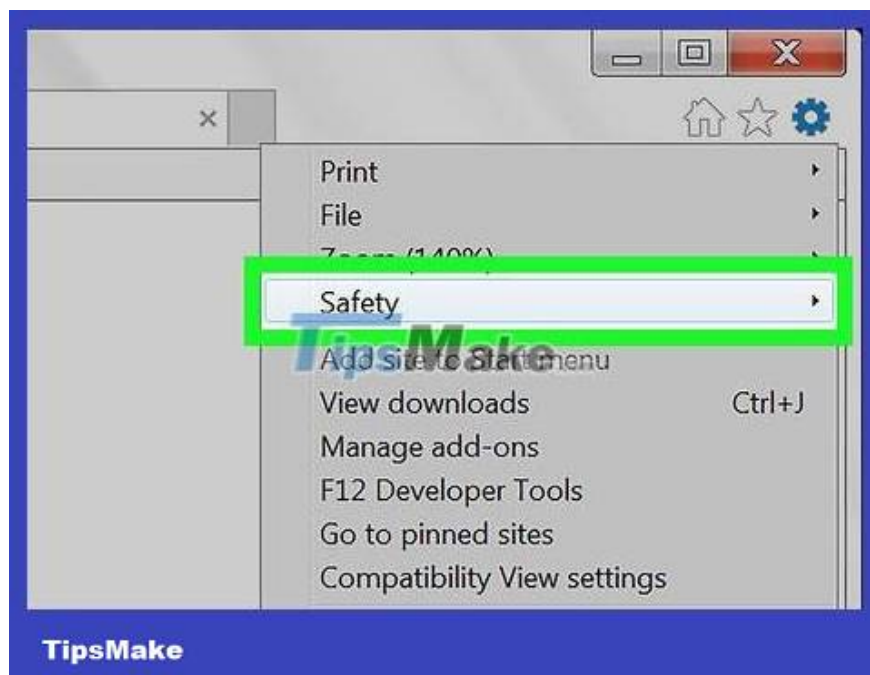
Internet Explorer



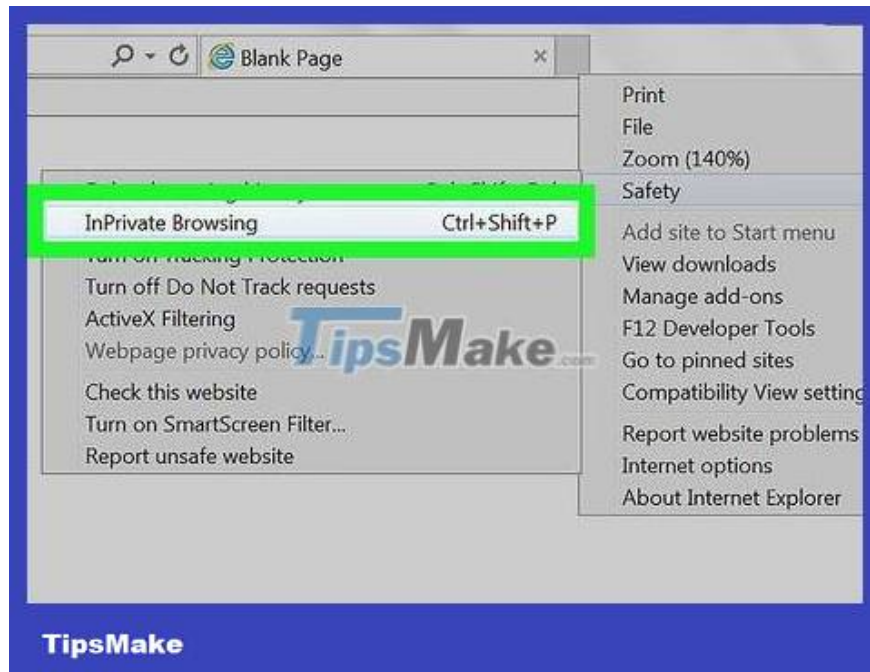
Open Internet Explorer. Click or double-click the app with the blue "e" icon.



Open Settings by clicking the gear icon in the top right corner of the Internet Explorer window. You will see a menu appear on the screen.



Select Safety near the top of the currently displayed menu to open another menu.



Click InPrivate Browsing . It's near the top of the Safety menu that appears. This opens Internet Explorer's private browsing window so you can browse the web without your computer saving your browsing history or downloaded files.

Exiting private browsing mode will return you to regular browsing mode.

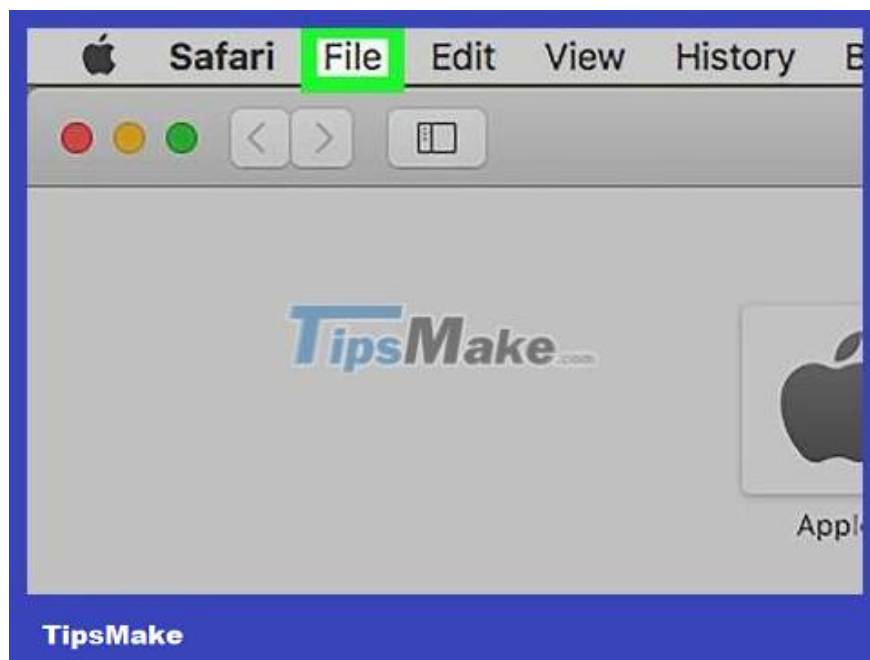


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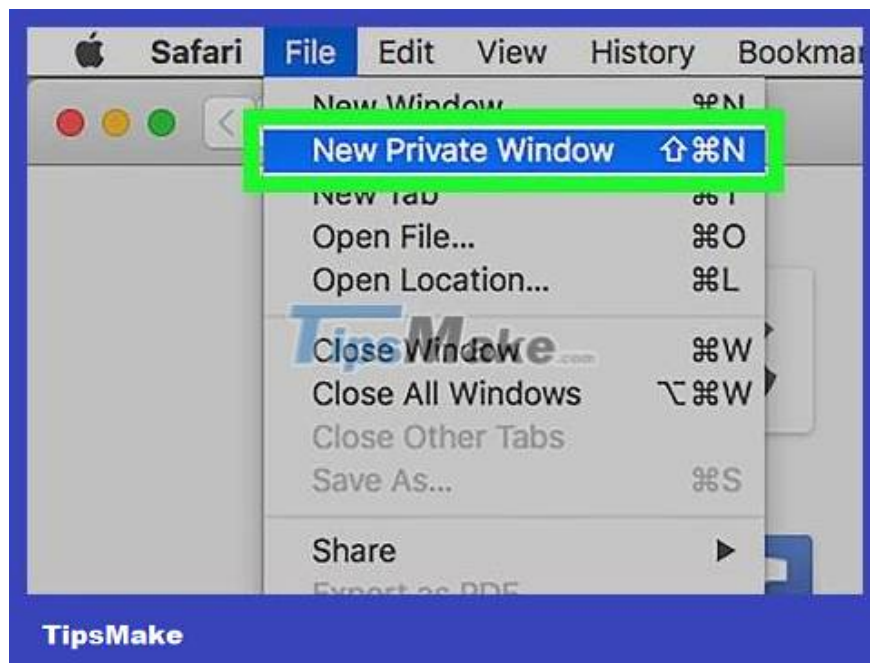
Safari on computer



Open Safari. Click the blue compass-shaped app in your Mac's Dock.



Click File in the top left corner of the screen to open the menu.



Click New Private Window . This opens Safari browser's incognito mode so you can browse the web without Safari saving visited pages or downloaded files.

Safari's private window is darker than a regular web browsing window.



Use keyboard shortcuts. You can press ? Command+ ? Shift+N while using Safari to open a new private window.

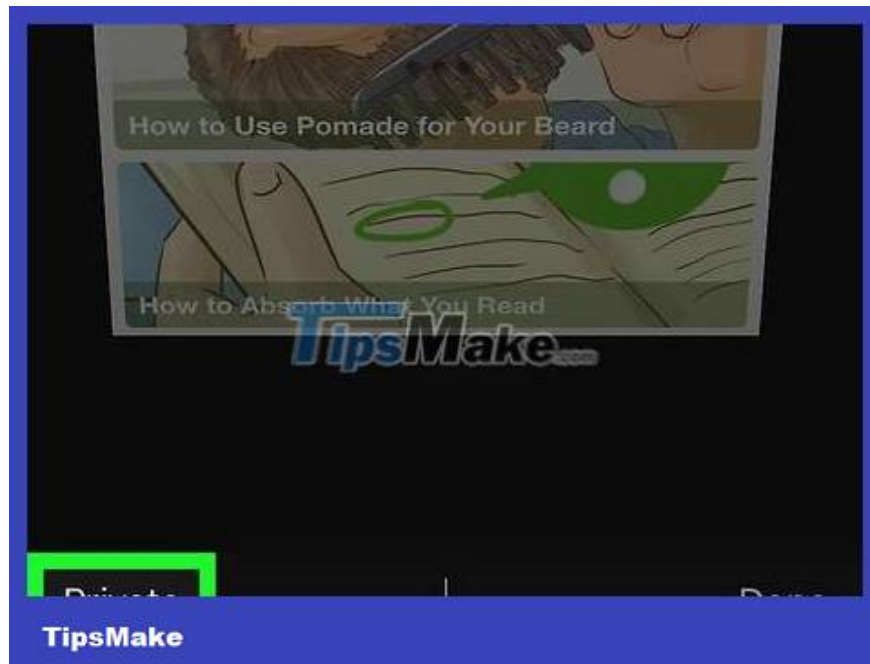
Safari on phone



Open Safari. Tap the app with the blue compass icon on a white background.



Tap the button with the icon of two overlapping boxes in the bottom right corner of the screen.



Tap Private. It's in the bottom left corner of the screen.



Tap the + sign below the screen. This opens a new window in private mode so you can search for information without Safari saving it in your history.

To return to the normal web browsing window, you will tap the icon with two overlapping boxes, then select **Private** again and select **Done**.

Closing the Safari app will not close private browsing mode. You'll close the page by swiping it to the left.

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