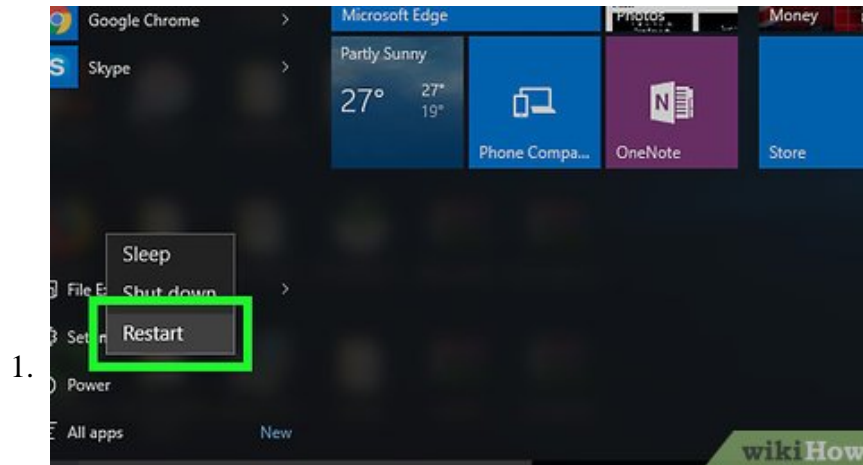


How to Exit Safe Mode

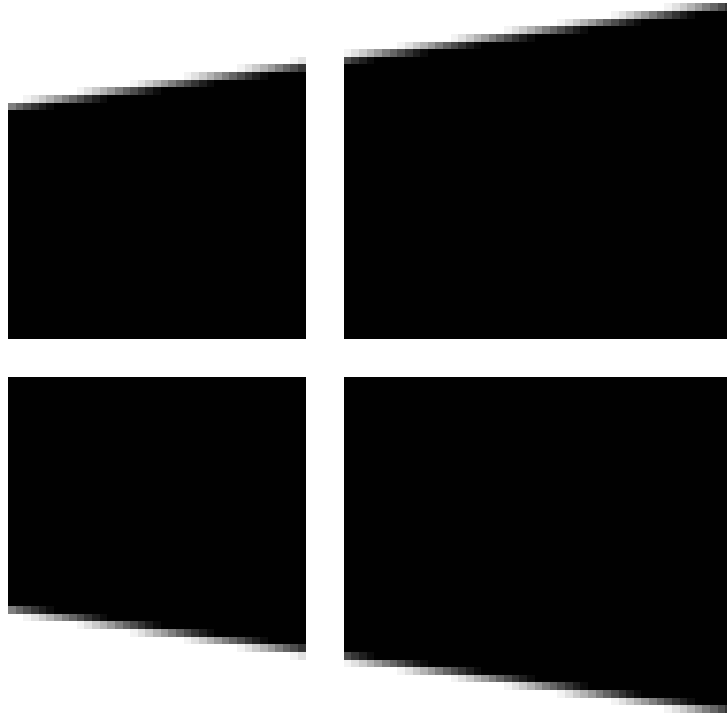
This wikiHow teaches you how to restart your computer, tablet, or smartphone normally after opening it in Safe Mode. Safe Mode is a mode in which your computer, tablet, or phone loads only the programs and information needed to run basic...

Method 1 of 4:

On Windows



1. **Restart your computer.** Open **Start**

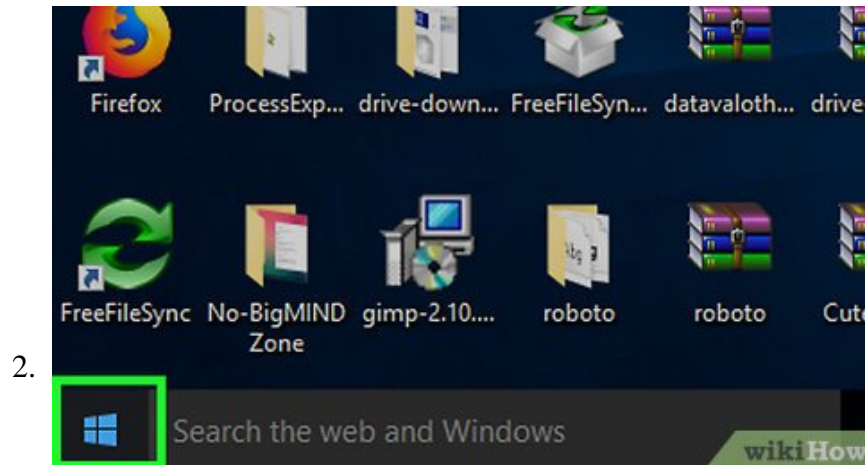


, click **Power**



, and click **Restart**. Most of the time, this will be enough to exit your computer's Safe Mode.

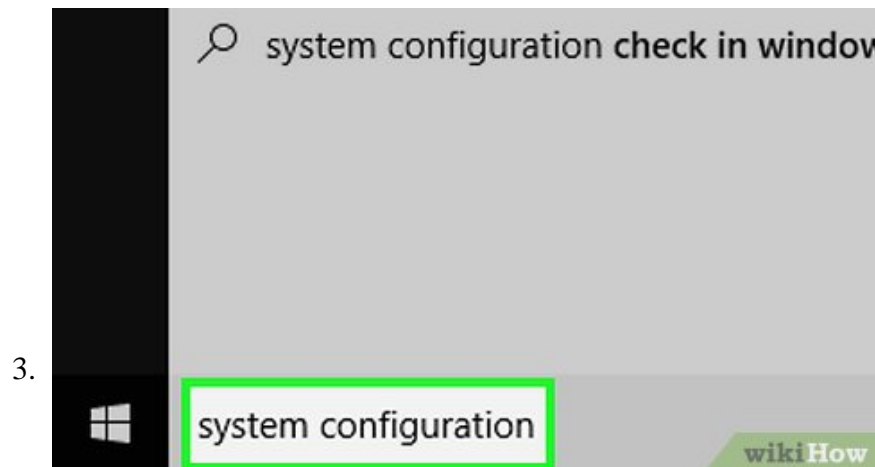
1. If your computer restarts into Safe Mode, proceed to the next step.



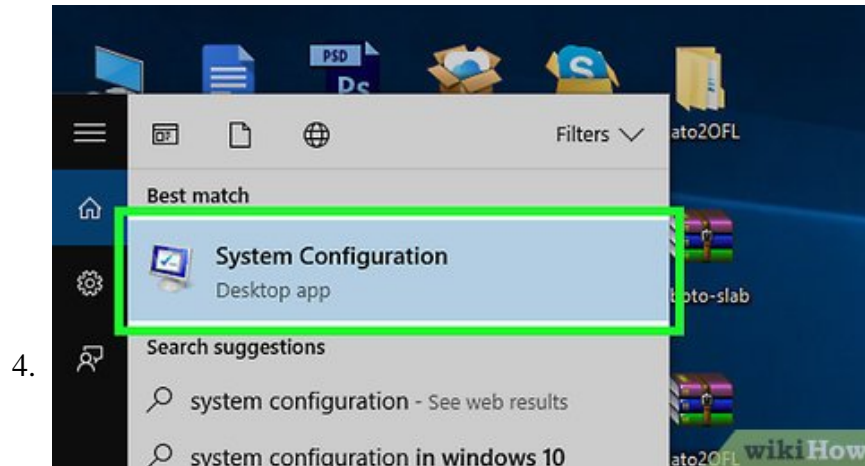
Open Start

Picture 5 of How to Exit Safe Mode

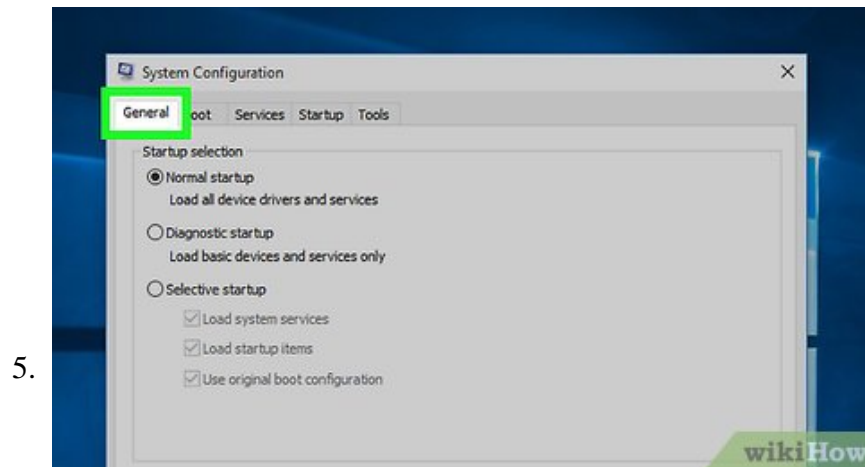
. Click the Windows logo in the bottom-left corner of the screen.



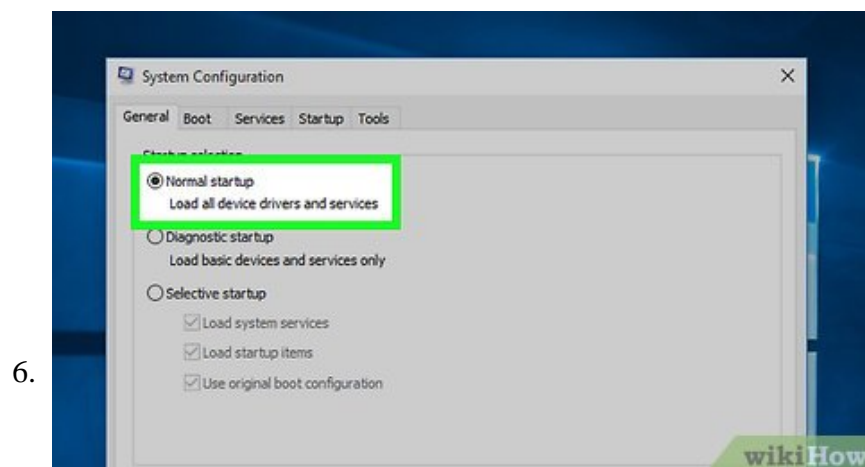
Type system configuration into Start. Doing so will search your computer for the System Configuration app.



Click **System Configuration**. It's a computer monitor-shaped icon at the top of the Start window. System Configuration will open.

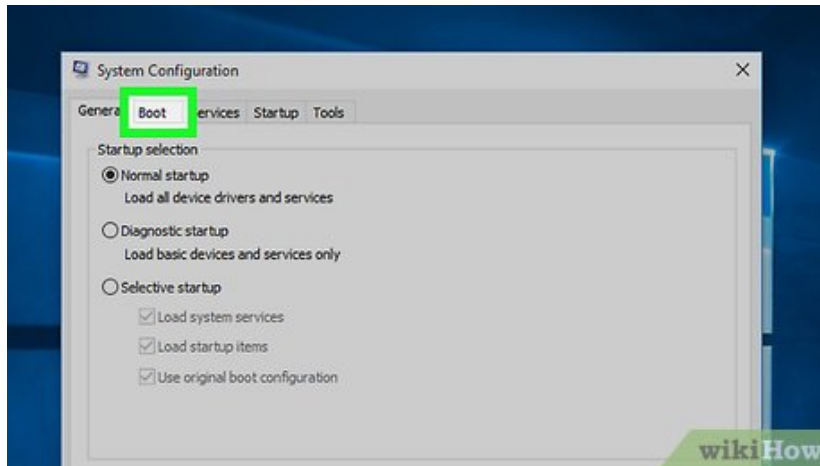


Click the **General** tab. This tab is in the top-left corner of the window.



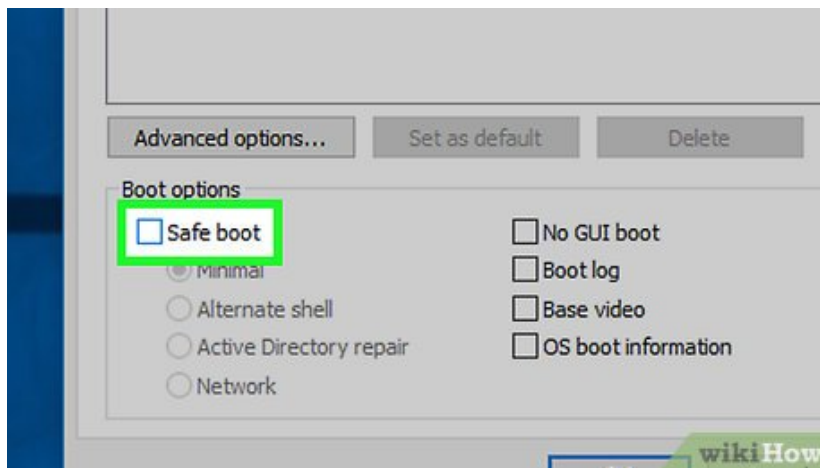
Check the "Normal startup" bubble. It's near the top of the **General** section of the window.

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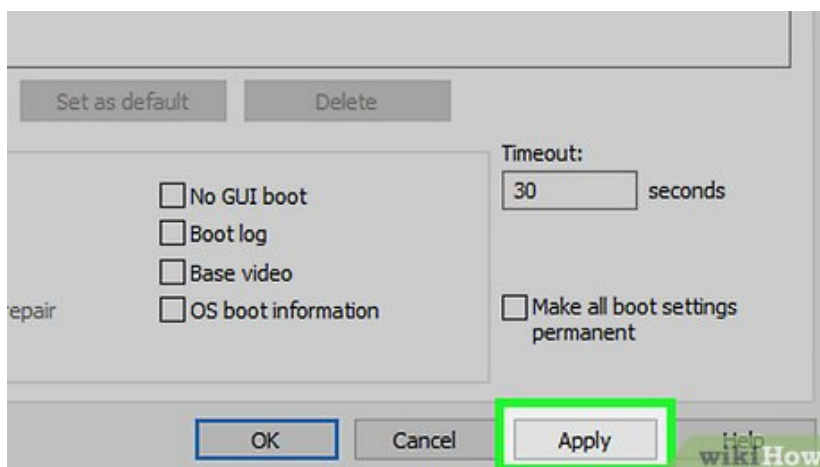
Click the **Boot** tab. You'll find this at the top of the window.

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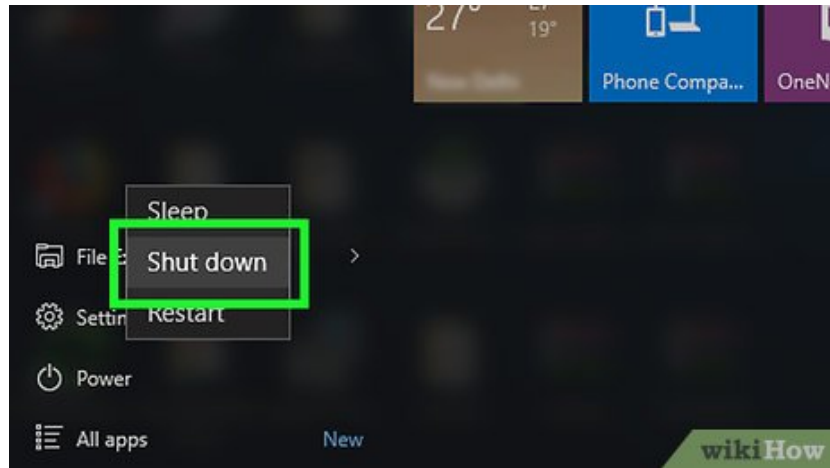
Uncheck the "Safe boot" box. It's in the middle of the left side of the window. If this box is unchecked, Safe Boot is already disabled.

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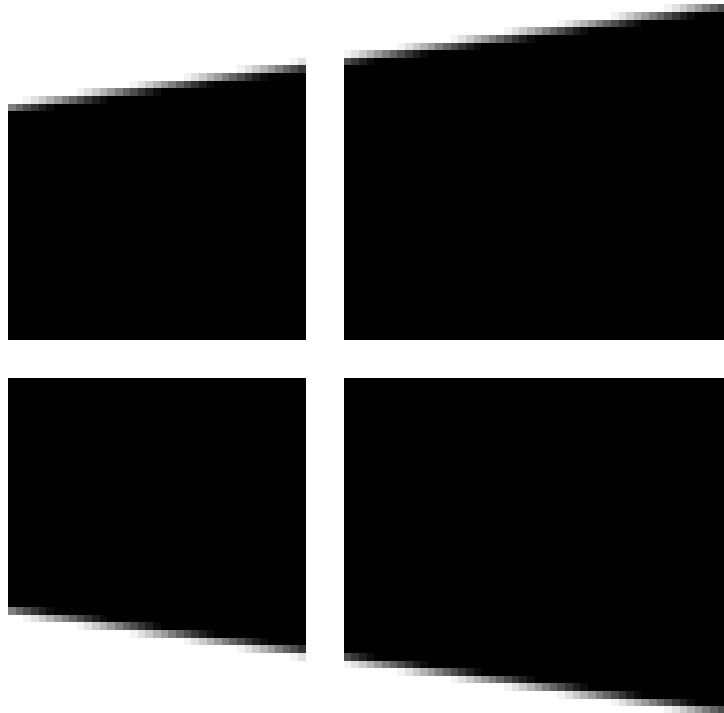


Click **Apply**, then click **OK**. Both options are at the bottom of the window. This will ensure that your computer isn't set to start in Safe Mode by default.

10.



Shut down your computer. Click Start

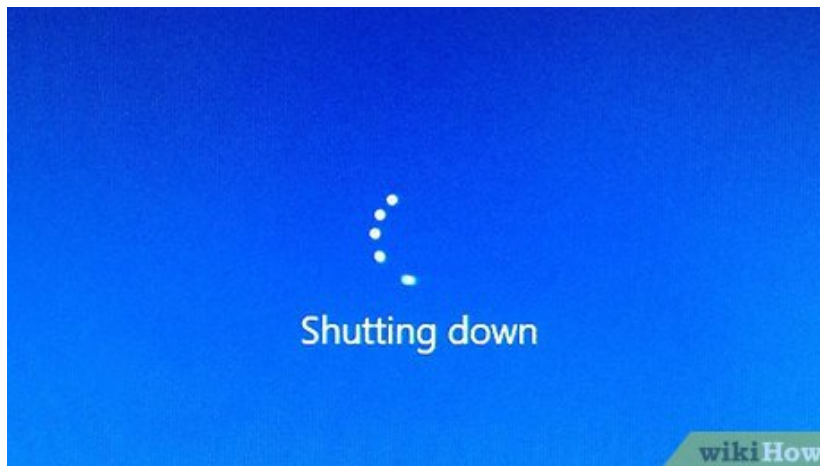


, click **Power**



, and click **Shut down**. This will turn off your computer.

11.



Leave your computer turned off for a few minutes. Doing so should give it time to shut down completely and refresh its internal data cache.

12.



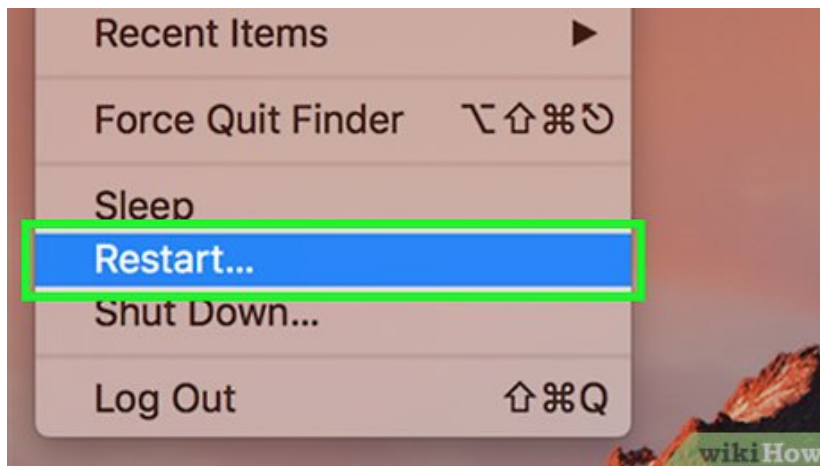
Turn back on your computer. Press your computer's "Power" button to do so. Once your computer finishes booting back up, it should be out of Safe Mode.

1. If your computer is still stuck in Safe Mode, you may need to take it into a tech support shop to have it diagnosed.

Method 2 of 4:

On Mac

1.



Restart your Mac. Open the Apple menu



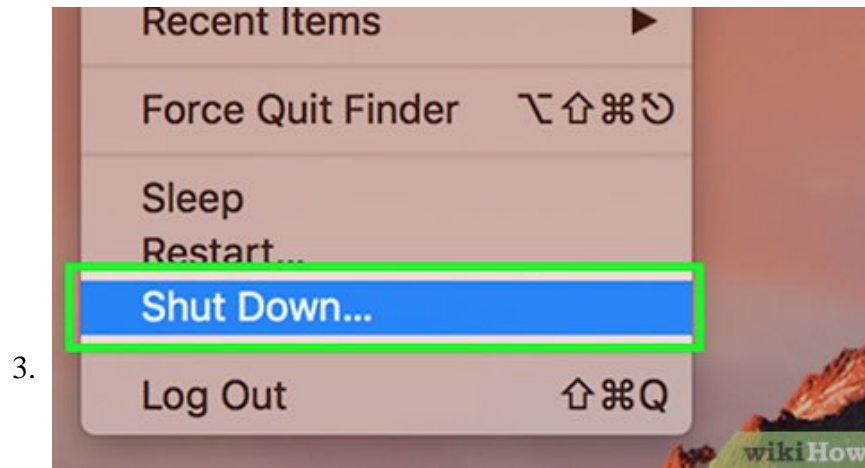
, click **Restart...**, and click **Restart** when prompted. Most of the time, this will be enough to get your computer out of Safe Mode.

1. If your computer restarts into Safe Mode, proceed to the next step.



Make sure that your Mac's ? Shift key isn't stuck. Holding the ? Shift key while restarting your Mac will cause the Mac to start in Safe Mode. If this key is stuck, you won't be able to restart your Mac without it opening to Safe Mode.

1. If the ? Shift key is stuck, remove it and then restart your Mac. If it still opens to Safe Mode, continue to the next step.



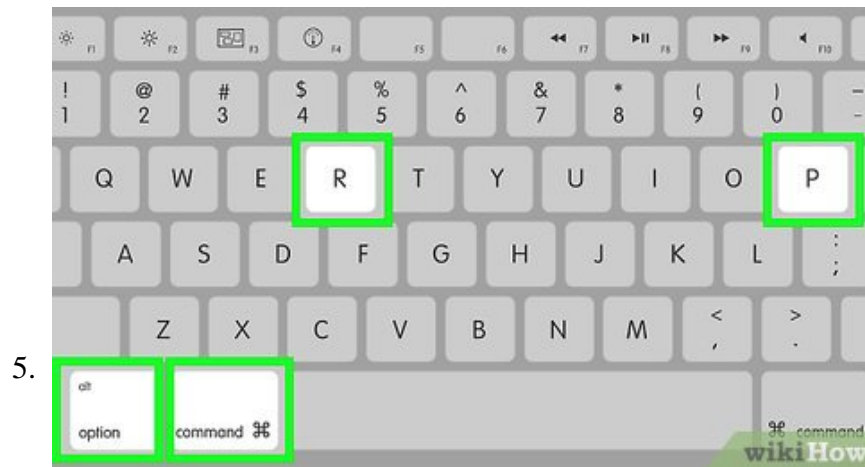
Shut down your Mac. Open the Apple menu



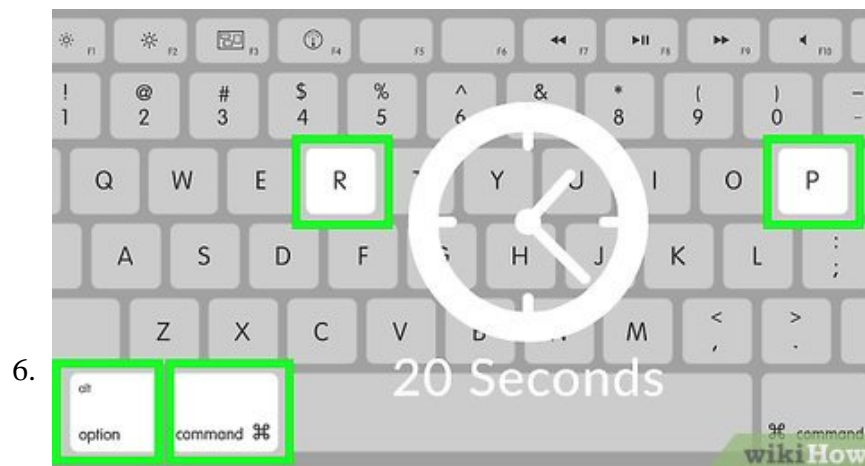
, click **Shut Down...**, and click **Shut Down** when prompted.



Turn back on the Mac. Press your Mac's "Power" button. It should be somewhere on the keyboard (laptop) or on the monitor (iMac).

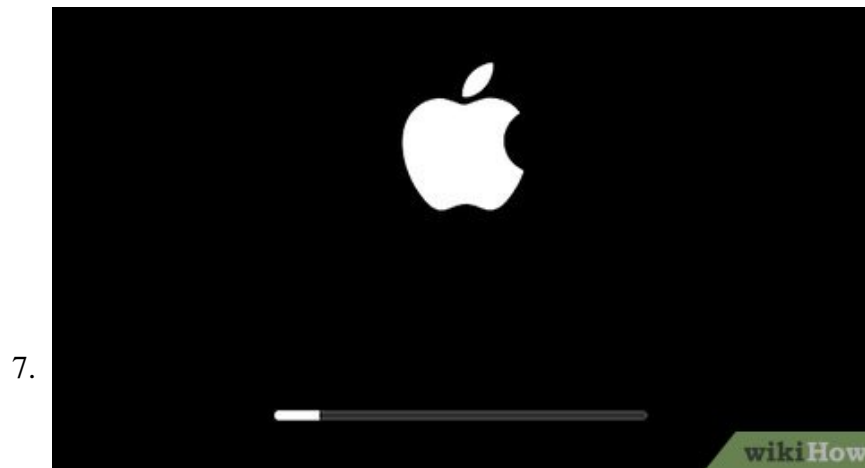


Press and hold $\text{Option} + \text{Command} + \text{P} + \text{R}$ immediately. Do this directly after pressing your Mac's "Power" button.



Hold the keys until your Mac makes a second startup sound. This will take around 20 seconds. Your Mac will appear to start during this time.^[1]

1. If your Mac doesn't make startup sounds, just wait for the Apple logo to appear for the second time.

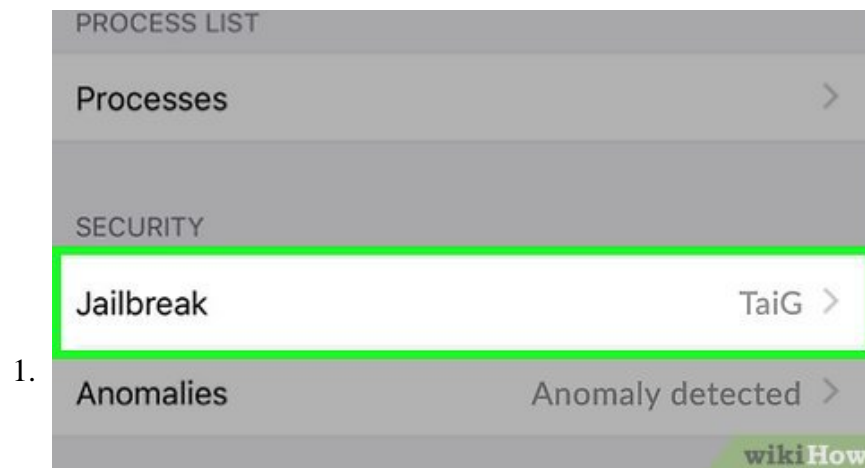


Wait for your Mac to finish restarting. This whole process resets the Mac's temporary system settings. Once your Mac is fully turned on, it should be back in normal mode.

1. If your Mac still isn't rebooting into normal mode, you may have to take it into a tech department to have it checked out.

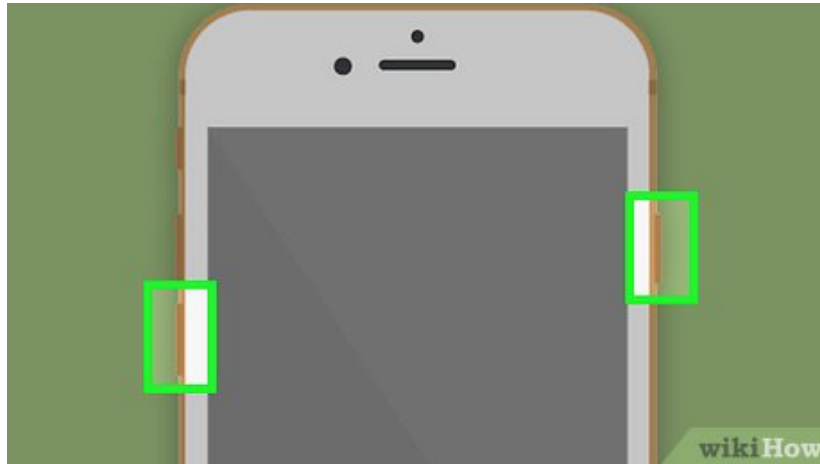
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On iPhone



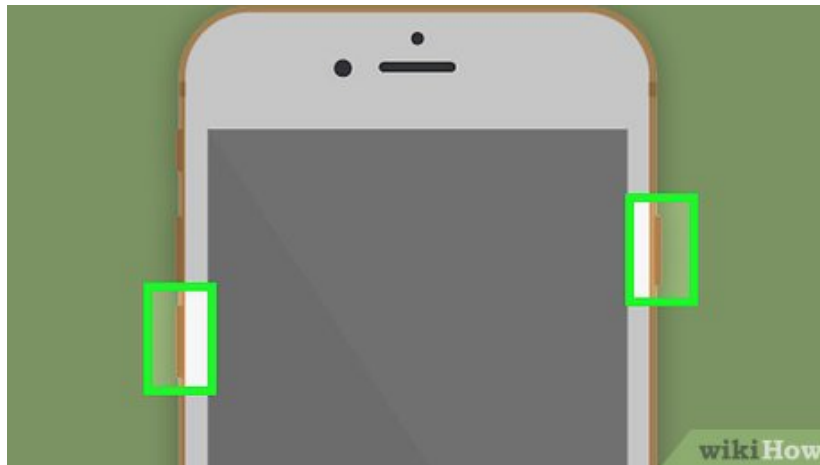
Determine whether or not your iPhone has been jailbroken. Non-jailbroken iPhones don't have a built-in Safe Mode option, which means that you may be experiencing something unrelated if you're running into problems.

2.



Press and hold your iPhone's "Volume Down" and "Power" buttons. Doing so will force your iPhone to restart into normal mode. You'll need to hold these buttons down for several seconds.

3.

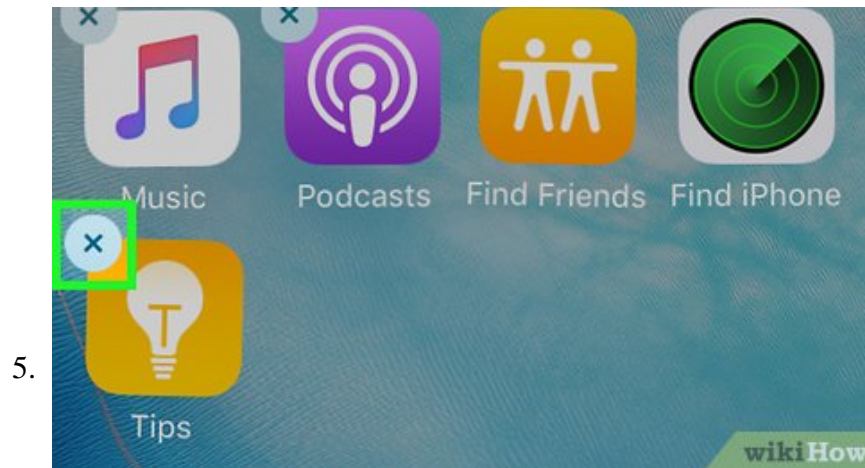


Release the buttons when your phone shuts down. You'll do this when the screen goes black.

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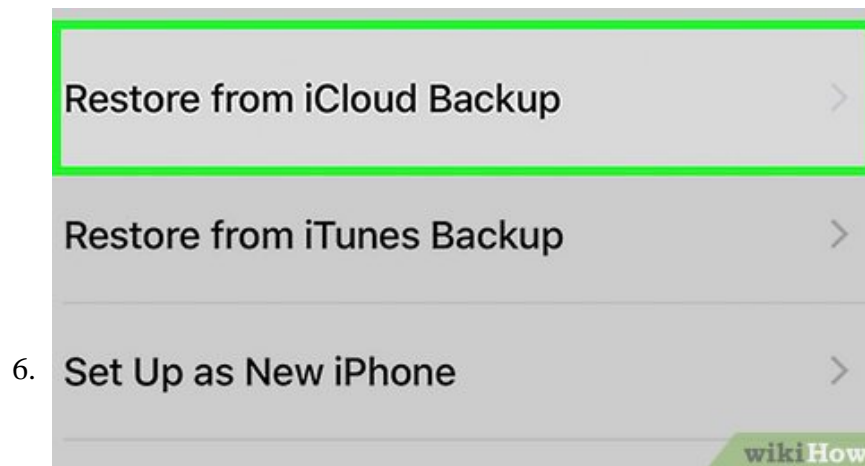


Wait for your phone to restart. You will see the Apple logo pop up and display for several seconds to several minutes. Once your iPhone restarts, it should be back to normal.



Try deleting any problematic apps or mods. If your iPhone still won't reboot normally and it is jailbroken, you may have installed something recently that is causing problems on your phone. Delete recently installed apps, packages, or modifications to try to get your phone back to its normal operation.

1. This goes for non-jailbroken iPhones as well.

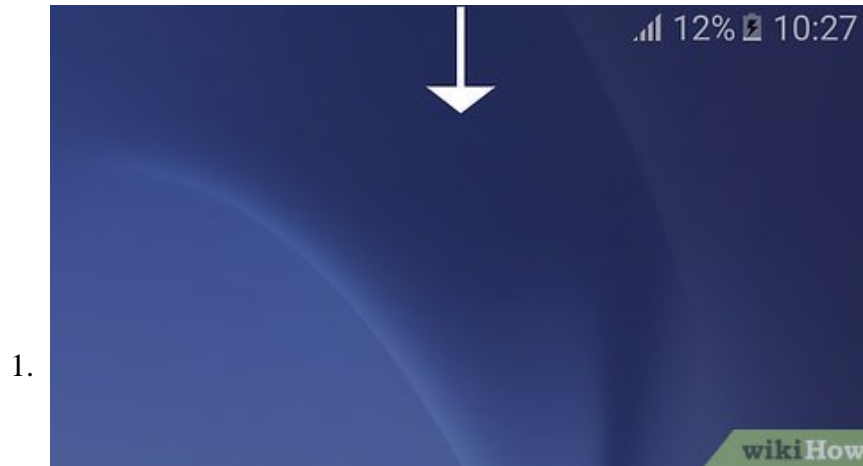


Restore your iPhone. Your best chance of getting your iPhone back to normal is through restoring a backup. If your iPhone is currently jailbroken, doing so will erase the jailbreak.

1. If your phone isn't jailbroken, restoring your iPhone to a backup from a previous version of the operating system may fix your problem.

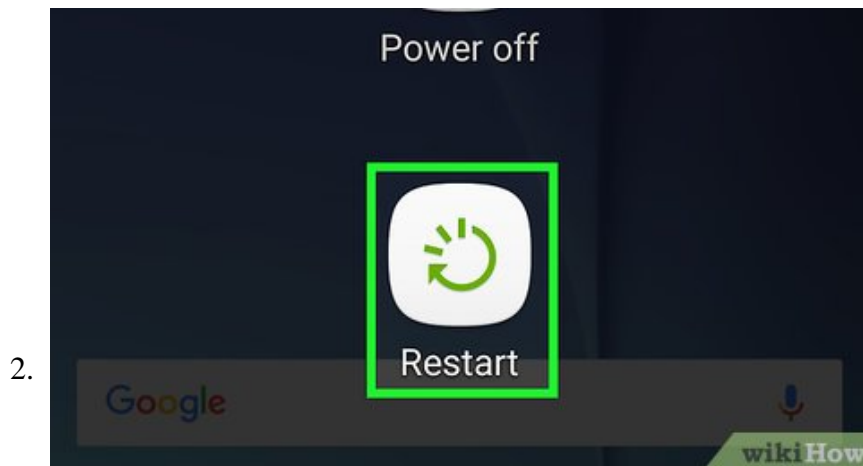
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On Android



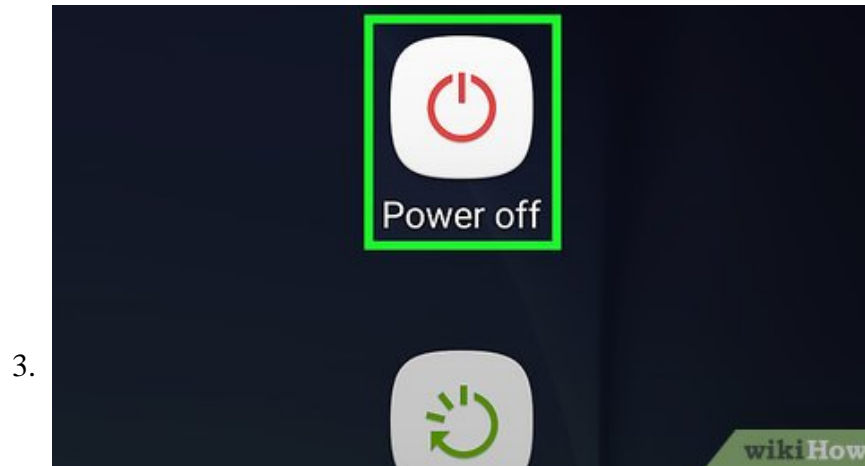
Use the notifications panel. Swipe down from the top of your Android's screen to bring down the notifications panel, then tap **SAFE MODE** or a similarly titled option. This will typically cause your Android to exit Safe Mode, though it may restart in the process.

1. Not all Androids have this option. If you don't see a **SAFE MODE** option in the panel, just go to the next step.



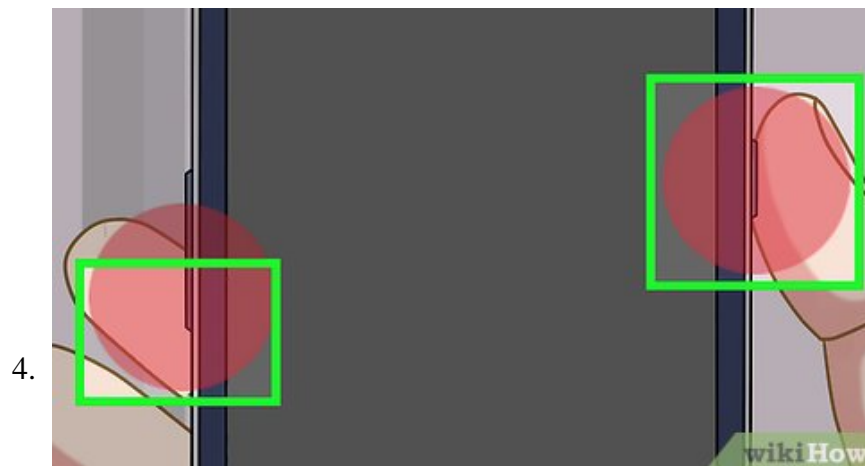
Restart your Android. Press and hold the "Power" button, then tap **Restart** or **Reboot** in the pop-up window. This will almost always cause your Android to exit Safe Mode.

1. If your Android restarts still in Safe Mode, proceed to the next step.

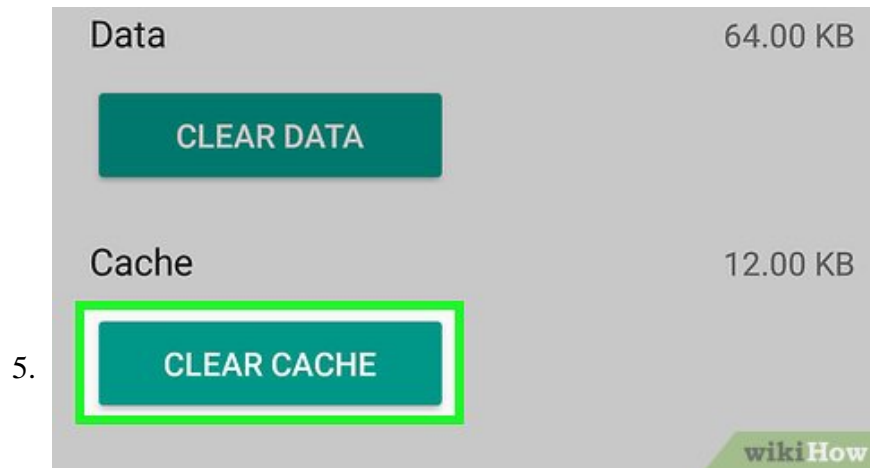


Perform a cold shut-down. To do this, you'll turn your phone off and wait for a few minutes before turning it back on:

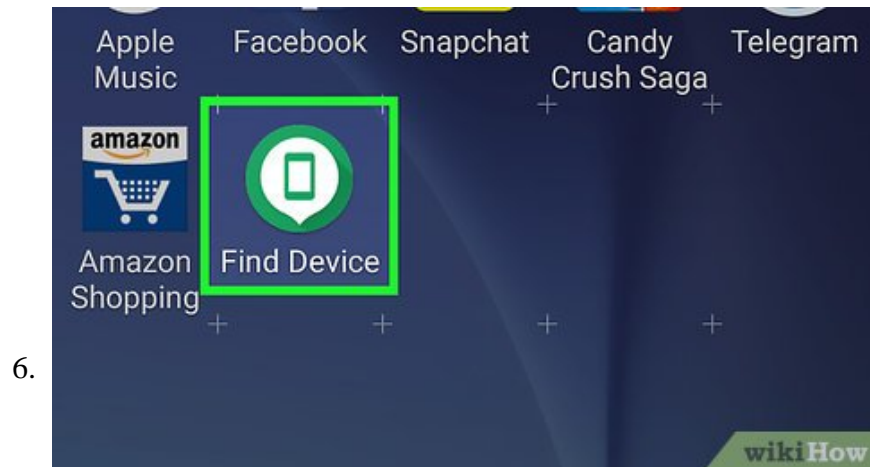
1. Press and hold the "Power" button.
2. Tap **Shut down**
3. Leave your phone off for a few minutes.



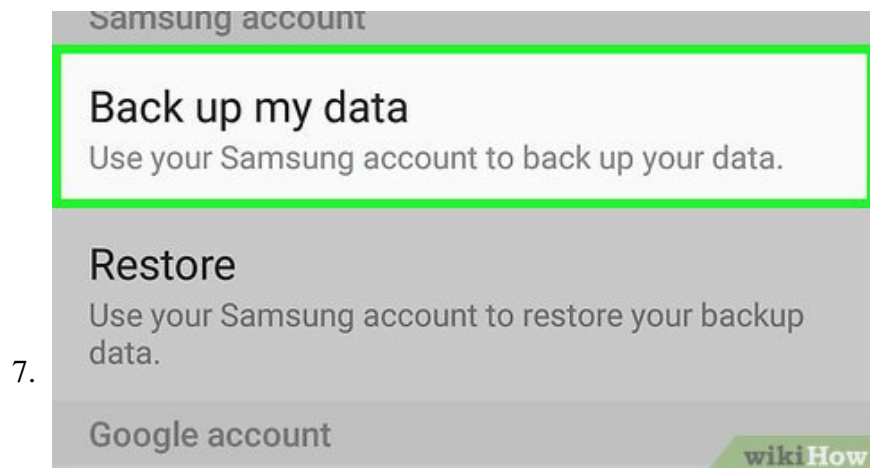
Turn back on your phone while holding the "Volume Down" button. Press and hold the "Power" and "Volume Down" buttons at the same time to restart your phone from the cold shut-down.



Clear your Android's cache. This will remove all of the temporary files associated with your Android's startup, as well as any apps on your phone or tablet.



Try deleting recent apps. If you recently installed an app, it may be the reason that your Android is stuck in Safe Mode. Delete any apps that you recently installed, then try to restart your Android.



Reset your Android. If nothing else will work, you may need to reset your Android to factory settings. This will wipe your current data from your Android, so make sure you've backed up your Android before

resetting your Android.

1. If this doesn't solve your Safe Mode woes, you'll need to take your Android into a tech department for diagnosis.

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