

# How to find hidden tracking devices using Apple and Google detection tools

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But they also present potential dangers, where AirTags and other Bluetooth tracking devices are used to track unsuspecting victims, in connection with harassment and stalking incidents.

Google and Apple have recognized these concerns and collaborated to provide a unified response to this growing problem.

## What is a Bluetooth tracking device?

When emitting sound, Bluetooth trackers are small devices capable of tracking the location of an object. Apple's AirTag is one of the most popular options worldwide, especially among Apple users. However, Tile, Chipolo, Eufy, Samsung, Cube and other manufacturers all offer similar Bluetooth trackers, all used for the same purposes.

There are many reasons to use Bluetooth trackers, but most focus on tracking valuable or useful objects. They can be attached to car keys, tucked into purses, sewn into the lining of handbags, etc.

However, their versatility also makes them used for more nefarious needs, such as tracking people, vehicles, etc., often for the purposes of theft, stalking, harassment, etc.

## How are Apple and Google preventing hidden Bluetooth tracking devices?

This dangerous downside is being attempted to be eliminated by Google and Apple by consolidating messaging and tracking features for hidden and unwanted Bluetooth trackers.



According to Apple Newsroom, Apple and Android devices will notify users if an unknown Bluetooth tracking device is moving with them - regardless of platform.

That's the main difference here. Previously, Apple devices would notify you if an unknown AirTag was traveling with them, while Google had its own unwanted tracking warnings.



# Unknown tracker alerts

When alerts are on, you'll receive a notification if an unknown tracker is detected to be travelling with you. Alerts are deleted after 48 hours.

[How Unknown tracker alerts work](#)

Allow alerts



No tracker alerts

Last scanned yesterday, 10:55

## Manual scan

Check for trackers near you right now that are separated from their owner

Scan now



Trackers are small Bluetooth devices that owners can attach to items, like their keys or backpack, to locate them.

In some cases, they may be used to track people without their knowledge.

Only compatible trackers can be detected.

[Learn more about trackers](#)

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# Manual scan

Check for trackers near you right now that are separated from their owner.

Manual scan results are not saved.

Checking for trackers...



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Unknown tracker alerts • now

### Tracker traveling with you

Unknown tracker detected. The owner of this tracker can see its location.

[More info](#)



But the two tech giants have combined forces for greater benefit, and now Apple devices running iOS 17.5+ and Android devices running Android 6.0+ will issue the warning "[Item] Found Moving With You" regardless of the platform on which they are paired.

## What Bluetooth tracking devices can be detected?

The alert will include Apple's AirTag and Find My devices, while Bluetooth tracker manufacturers such as eufy, Chipolo, Motorola, Jio and Pebblebee have all committed to making future products compatible with new system.

If a suspicious device is detected, users can view the identifier of the specific tracking device, have the tracking device play a sound to monitor, and access specific instructions on how to disable it. .

The new combined alerts will significantly reduce the chance that someone could put an unknown and unwanted Bluetooth tracking device on your person or object, which is great for privacy and personal safety.

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