

How to Install APK Files on Android

Today's WikiHow will show you how to install APK format files to your Android phone or tablet. APK (Android Package Kit - roughly translated: application installer on the Android operating system) is the standard format used to install applications for Android devices. The instructions below are for people who install apps from sources other than the Google Play Store.

Allow Unknown Sources



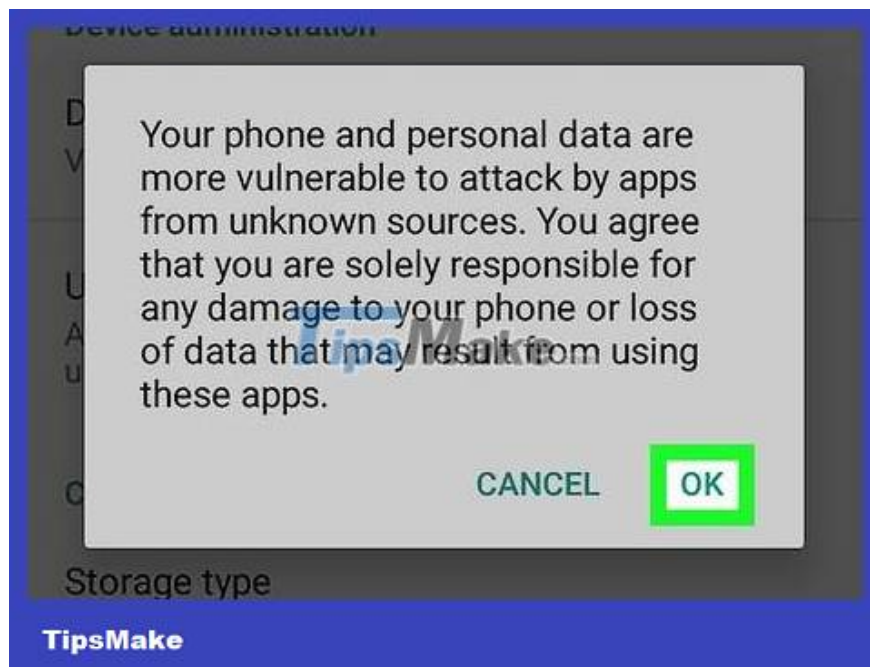
Open the device's Settings application, the icon is .



Scroll down and tap Security . It's in the "Personal" section of the menu.



Slide Unknown sources to the "On" position.



Click **OK** . You can already install apps from sources other than the Google Play Store.

Install an APK file

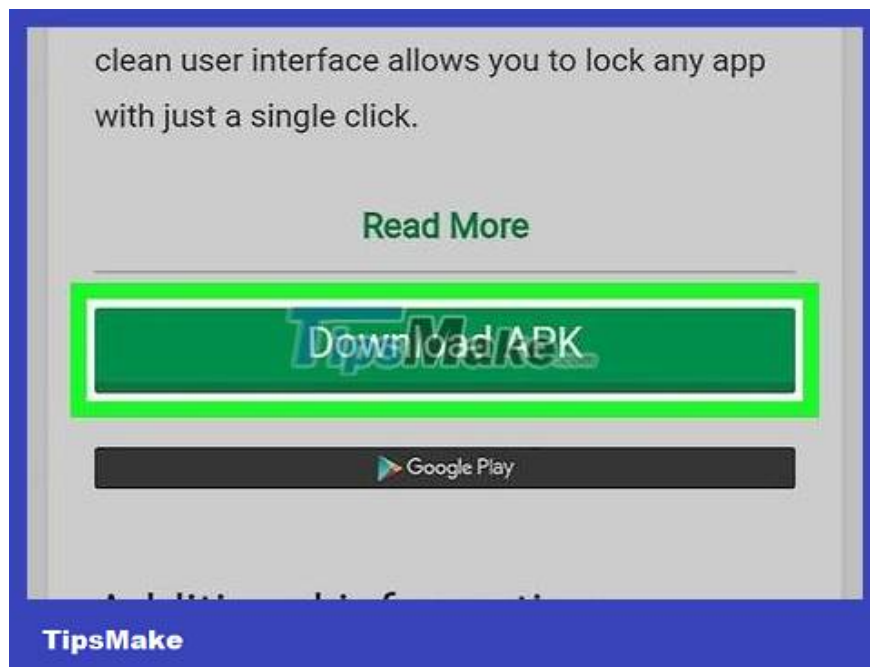


Open the web browser on the device.



Search for APK files. Sites like <http://AppsApk.com> and <http://AndroidPIT.com> have good APK file options worth checking out.

Alternatively, you can locate the APK file on your computer and create a QR code that you can use your Android device to scan.



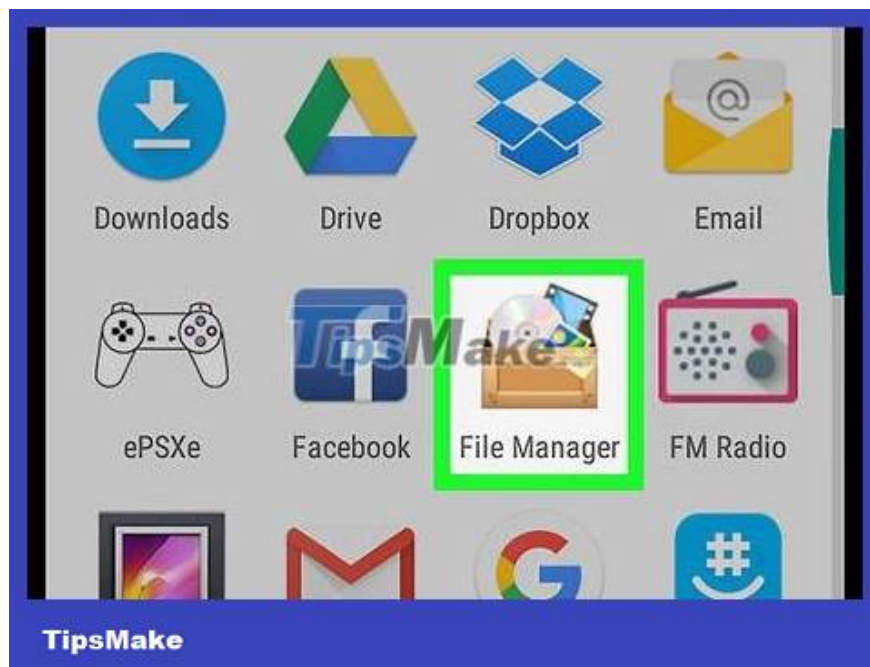
Click the download link for the file you want to install. When the download is complete, you will receive a notification in the notification bar.

Tap **OK** if there's a warning that the file could be harmful to your device.



Open the application screen (usually a dot matrix button ???at the bottom, center of the screen).

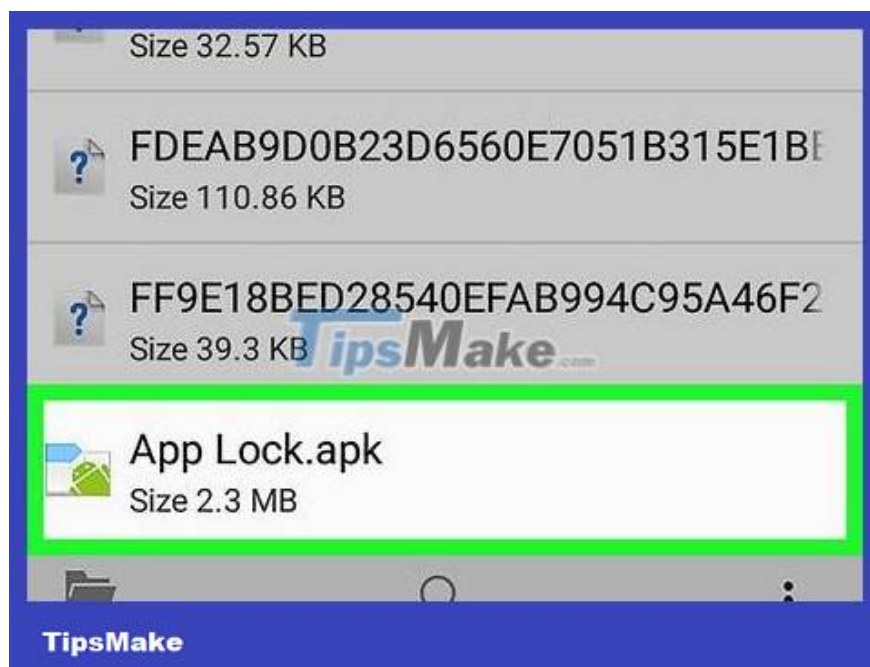
Or, you can also tap the "Download complete" notification in the Notification Bar.



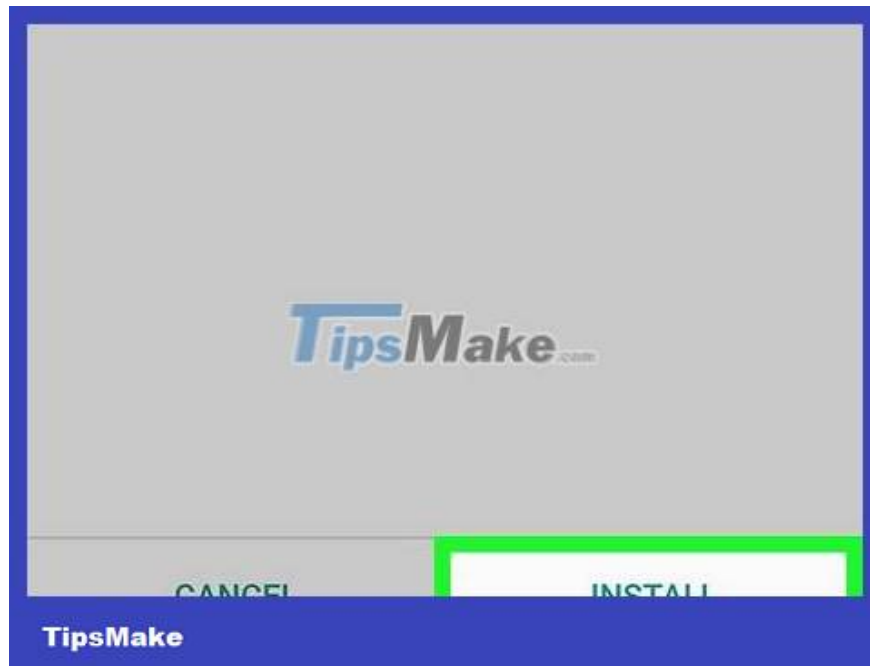
Click File Manager .



Click the Downloads folder .



Click on the APK file you just downloaded.



Tap INSTALL at the bottom right of the screen. The APK file will be installed on your device.

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