

## How to block outgoing calls on android

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(Image credit: Laptop Mag) Knowing how to block a number on Android can help you dodge a spam caller or anyone you don't want to hear from at that moment. No matter which Android phone you use, this feature will be available in the phone app and it just takes a few taps to get a number on your block list. How to block a number on Android - Pixel, OnePlus, TCL The default phone app on most Android phones offers the fastest method for blocking numbers; it should take you just a few seconds to complete. (Image credit: Laptop Mag) Open the Phone app Find the number that you want to block and long press on it Tap Block/report spam Uncheck Report call as spam if this is just a person you want to block Select Block How to block a number on Android - Samsung Samsung uses its own phone app. It isn't quite as straightforward as the previous method, but it's really just one extra step so you'll still be done in seconds. (Image credit: Laptop Mag) Open the Phone app Find the number that you want to block and tap on it Select the grey information icon, the furthest option to the right Tap on Block in the lower-right corner Tap Block again to confirm That's it! You've successfully blocked whatever person or number was bothering you. If you want to unblock them in the future simply follow these instructions again and you will be given the option to unblock Today's best Google Pixel 5a, Samsung Galaxy S20 FE and OnePlus 9 deals Navigate to Phone > Number to block > Information > Block on some devices it might be hold down on the number from the Phone app and select Block/report spam > Block Ban numbers through your mobile carrier Account Settings Use a mobile app like Calls Blacklist - Call Blocker. This article will explain how to block and stop spam calls (or robocalls) from bothering you. Unfortunately, permanently stopping spam calls is not possible. New numbers may always be able to get through, or in some cases, the call blocking only works for a certain amount of time. The best way to mitigate your exposure to telemarketers and spam callers is to limit how often you give out your number to third parties. However, there are a few different ways to stop or block spam calls on Android devices for an extended time. Some of those methods include: Your device's blocking feature Installing a blocking app Blocking calls through your carrier (mobile provider) Registering with the national DoNotCall service. The easiest way to block and prevent spam calls is to use your Android device settings via the built-in dialer app. It works best when the calls come from the same number. Here's how to block a number with the dialer: The calls will still show up for billing purposes, and may appear briefly on your phone, but they will not come through. Open your Phone app. In the call log, tap on the number you wish to block and then tap the information button. Tap Block in the bottom right or at the bottom of the screen. You can also long-press on the number you want to block and then select the Block option in the sub-menu that appears on some devices. And on some devices the process might be: Phone app > Recents > tap and hold the number you want to block > Block/report spam > Block. The exact process is going to differ based on what carrier you are subscribed to, for example Verizon versus AT&T. But, here's how to block calls through your mobile carrier: Not all mobile carriers will offer this feature. Visit your mobile carrier's account portal and login. Look for Account Settings. Find Call Block or Number Blocking options. Enter the number or information and click Save. Some providers, like Verizon, will only block calls for up to 90 days. After the period is up, you'll have to reenter any numbers you want to keep blocked. You may also encounter a cap on the number of numbers that you can block at any given time, as well. The FTC or Federal Trade Commission manages a national registry called the Do Not Call Registry. By adding your name, and number to the registry, companies should respect the list and avoid calling your number. If they call anyway, they face legal action. Registration is pretty straightforward. Just click the appropriate link page on the FCC's Do Not Call Registry page, enter the required information, and that's it. Your number is now listed as a "do not call" contact. The National Do Not Call Registry only applies to telemarketing calls. Scammers and shady spam callers do not pay it much attention. One popular app, Calls Blacklist - Call Blocker, is free and effective. One of its best features is you can create a safelist, using your contacts, and allow only the people you know to call you, blocking out all others. Of course, you can block individual numbers, as well. FAQ How do I unblock a number on Android 12? To unblock a number on Android, open the Phone app and tap More > Settings > Blocked Numbers. Tap the X next to the contact you want to unblock. For more options, Google Play has several call blocking apps. How do I block text messages on Android 12? To block text messages on Android, tap and hold a conversation, select the circle with the line through it, or report the number as spam. You can also block texts through your carrier. How do I block websites on Android 12? If you want to block websites on Android, use an app like Mobile Security, BlockSite, or NoRoot. You can even block sites during a specific time. Thanks for letting us know! Get the Latest Tech News Delivered Every Day Subscribe Tell us why! One of the most annoying things about carrying a phone in your pocket everywhere is unwanted phone calls. Whether they're spam calls or someone you don't want to talk to anymore, we'll show you how to block them on Android. Android devices all vary a bit, so the methods in this guide won't work for everyone. We'll be demonstrating with a Samsung Galaxy phone and a Google Pixel handset. If you don't have one of these, you can try to loosely follow along. RELATED: How to Avoid Spam Robocalls with "Verified Calls" on Android Block Calls on a Samsung Galaxy Phone Open the default phone app that came pre-installed on your Samsung phone. Make sure that you're on the "Recents" tab and tap the three-dot menu icon in the top-right corner. Select "Settings" from the drop-down menu. At the top, tap "Block Numbers." Here, you can toggle a switch to automatically "Block Unknown Callers." Also, you can manually add phone numbers to block or select from your "Recents" and "Contacts." When entering a number manually, tap the + button to add it. Selecting from "Recents" or "Contacts" will immediately add them to the list, which can be seen on this screen as well. That's all there is to it! You can simply tap the red minus icon to stop blocking a number. Block Calls on a Google Pixel Phone Google Pixel phones come pre-installed with the "Phone by Google" app. This app can be installed on some non-Pixel devices, but not all of the features work. First, open the Phone app and navigate to the "Recents" tab. From here, tap the three-dot menu icon in the top search bar. Select "Call History" from the drop-down menu. Tap on a call from the list and more options will expand. Simply select "Block/Report Spam." A pop-up will appear. You can choose to also report the number as spam by checking the box before confirming that you'd like to block the phone number by tapping the "Block" button. That's all there is to it! Blocked numbers can be found in the Phone app's Settings under "Blocked Numbers." From there, you can unblock them. RELATED: How to Find Your Android Phone or iPhone with Google Assistant In the time it takes you to watch the video above, you will probably receive 3-5 spam calls. Or at least it feels like that. Robocalls are hard to block because they 1) always come from a different number and 2) often come from your own area code, to make you think it's someone you know. While you can't block all the spam numbers, and scammers are always figuring out new ways to get through the phone lines, there are still some things you can do to do limit the number of robocalls you receive. In iOS 13 or later, you can stop unknown numbers from ringing at all by selecting "silence unknown callers." The call will go straight to your missed call, but will at least buy you some peace of mind. On many Android phones, you can open up your default caller ID and spam options and enable "filter spam calls," "see caller and spam ID" and "verified numbers." Then there are third party apps. Wideprotect will let you block area codes and calls from specific places en masse. Hiya also has advanced spam-blocking features, but you'll have to pay for it. Finally, all the big wireless carriers have their own apps for this purpose, so check yours and see what free features they offer. Blocking incoming calls isn't that difficult. It's an extension of caller ID, which displays the calling party's telephone number directly on your phone or on a device attached to your phone. You can read more about caller recognition in How does Caller ID work? Just as your fingerprint acts as a unique identifier, so does your phone number. Every time you place a phone call, the number you are calling from is transmitted along the phone line as a series of beeps at different frequencies. Even when your caller ID box reads "blocked," the number was still transmitted but was hidden from your view by the phone company at the caller's request. Many people subscribe to a service that prevents their number from displaying; you can also dial \*67 to block your number from showing on certain calls. How Telephones Work will tell you all you want to know about sending information over phone lines. Without getting into all the technical details that it does, a phone call blocker works by recognizing those numbers that you've designated as prohibited, and instead of ringing your phone, it plays a message telling the person they've been blocked. Some phone call blockers can be programmed to reject calls from the last person who called. This way, even if you don't know the person's phone number you can still block unknown phone calls. With other screening devices, people with blocked numbers may be required to identify themselves if they want to reach you. Unfortunately, phone call blockers aren't foolproof. Persistent callers can often outwit these technologies. For example, phone spoofing, as it is sometimes called, alters the number that is transmitted as the call's origin so the caller won't be blocked. Placing a call with a calling card, using a pay phone or using VoIP can also evade blockers. If you receive threatening phone calls, you should contact the police. If you think about it, the prevalence of call screening devices is somewhat ironic. Telephones were invented to improve communication channels and enable people to connect to one another over long distances. Now there's a growing market for ways to shut down that channel and prevent people from connecting. What would Alexander Graham Bell think? For more on blocking incoming phone calls, investigate some of the links found below. Related HowStuffWorks Articles Sources Ainslie, Marilyn. "Caller ID FAQ," 2004. (May 21, 2008) T. "Compare Local Calling Plans and Features." 2008. (May 21, 2008) T. "Smart Limits for Wireless." 2008. (May 21, 2008) limits.jsp Digitone Communications. 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