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Features and Benefits

WhatsApp privacy settings allow you to restrict who can see your child's messages and location. There are also ways to block delete or report users on the platform.

What specific content can I restrict?

Chatting	Downloading file sharing	Location sharing	Privacy	Privacy and identity theft

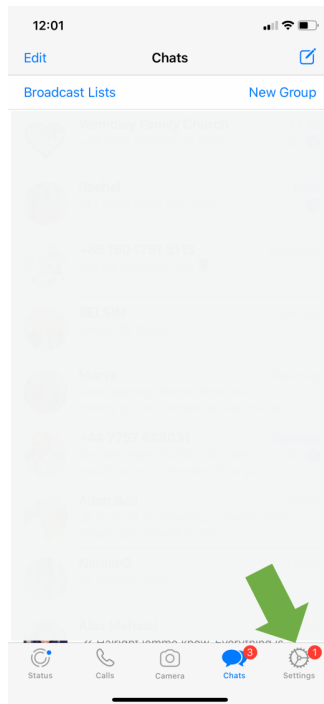## What do I need?

A WhatsApp account
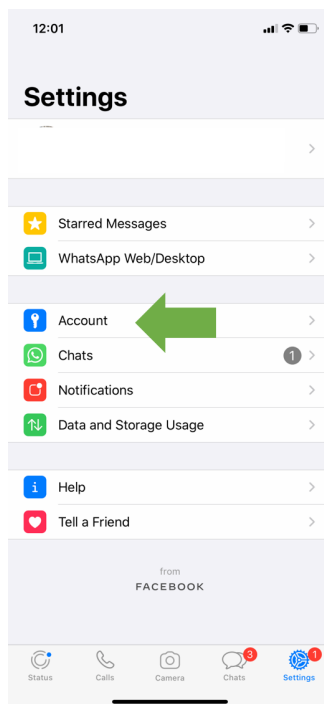
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1   Control who sees your information You can set your last seen, profile photo and/or status to the following options: Everyone, My Contacts and Nobody: Open WhatsApp and go to your Settings, tap Account, then tap Privacy. Next, tap your selected option, then choose from either option: 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody'. The changes will be applied automatically.

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Edit   Chats

Broadcast Lists   New Group

Status   Calls   Camera   Chats **3**   Settings **1**

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Settings

⭐ Starred Messages

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🔑 Account

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Privacy   >

Security   >

Two-Step Verification   >

Change Number   >

Request Account Info   >

Delete My Account   >

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< Account   **Privacy**

Last Seen   Nobody >

Profile Photo   My Contacts >

About   My Contacts >

Groups   Everyone >

Status   My Contacts >

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Everyone

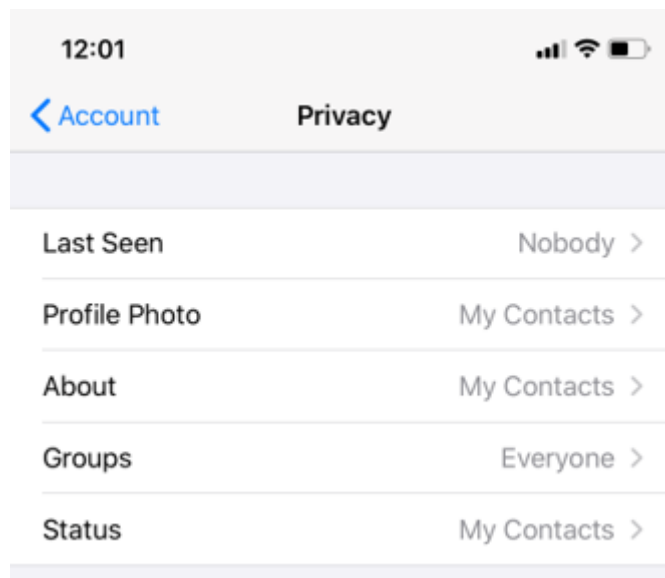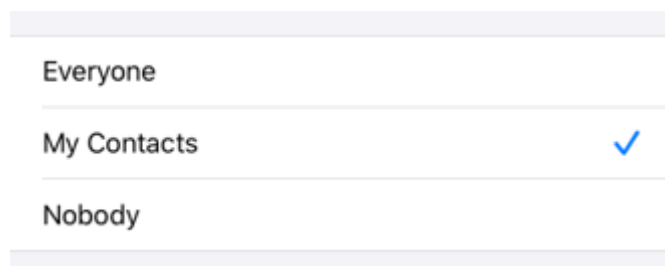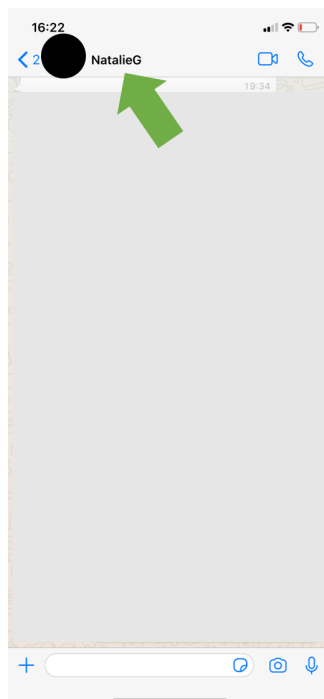My Contacts   ✓
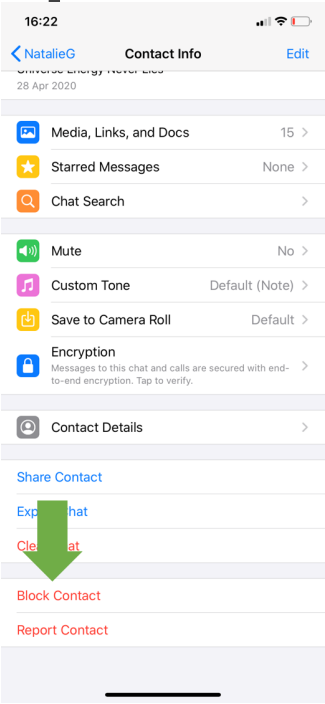
Nobody

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2 How to block contacts You can stop receiving messages, calls and status updates from certain contacts by blocking them. Open WhatsApp, choose the person you want to block either by searching or scrolling through your chat list. Tap on their name, then scroll down and tap Block Contact.

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‹ NatalieG   **Contact Info**   Edit

~~Universe Energy Never Lies~~
28 Apr 2020

🖼	Media, Links, and Docs	15 ›
⭐	Starred Messages	None ›
🔍	Chat Search	›

🔊	Mute	No ›
🎵	Custom Tone	Default (Note) ›
📥	Save to Camera Roll	Default ›
🔒	Encryption	
	Messages to this chat and calls are secured with end-to-end encryption. Tap to verify.	›

👤	Contact Details	›

Share Contact

Export Chat

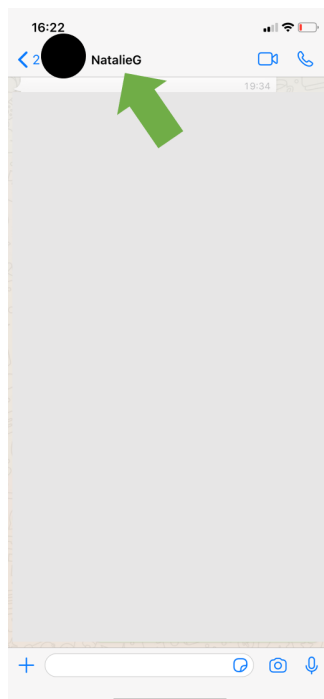Clear Chat

Block Contact

Report Contact
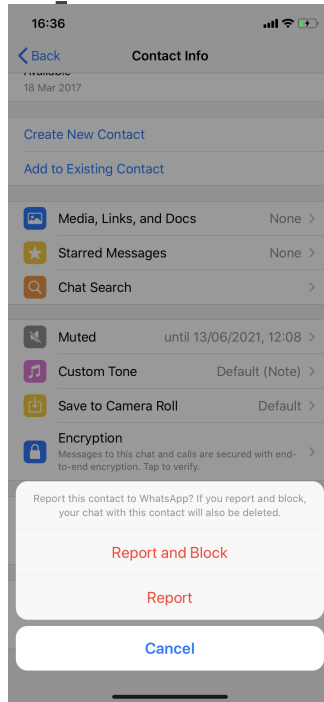
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3 How to report contacts Open WhatsApp, choose the person you want to report either by searching or scrolling through your chat list. Tap on their name, then scroll down and tap Report or Report and Block Contact. Please note, if you report and block, your chat with this contact will also be deleted.

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<Back **Contact Info**

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Create New Contact

Add to Existing Contact

🖼 Media, Links, and Docs	None	>
⭐ Starred Messages	None	>
🔍 Chat Search		>

🔇 Muted	until 13/06/2021, 12:08	>
🎵 Custom Tone	Default (Note)	>
📋 Save to Camera Roll	Default	>

🔒 **Encryption**
Messages to this chat and calls are secured with end-to-end encryption. Tap to verify.

Report this contact to WhatsApp? If you report and block, your chat with this contact will also be deleted.

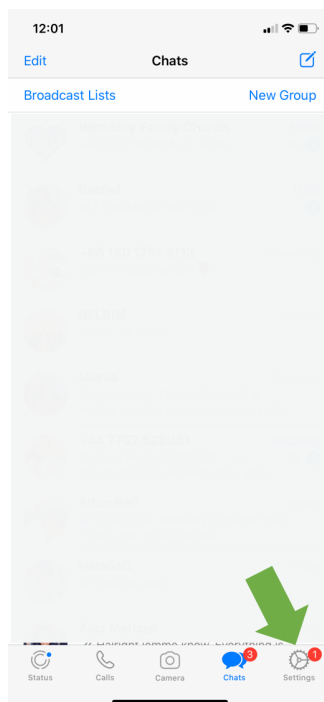**Report and Block**

Report

Cancel
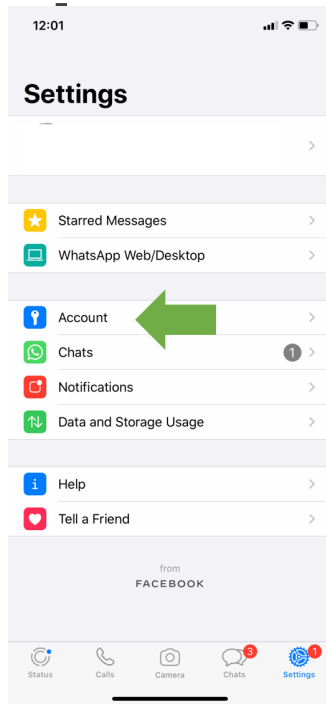
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4   How to change group privacy settings You can decide who can add you to groups by selecting your preferred option. Open WhatsApp, go to Settings, tap Account, Privacy then Groups. Next, choose from either option:'Everyone', 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' Admins who can't add you to a group will have the option of inviting you privately instead.

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Settings

⭐ Starred Messages
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‹ Account   **Privacy**

Last Seen   Nobody ›

Profile Photo   My Contacts ›

About   My Contacts ›

Groups   Everyone ›

Status   My Contacts ›

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WHO CAN ADD ME TO GROUPS

Everyone ✓

My Contacts

My Contacts Except... ›

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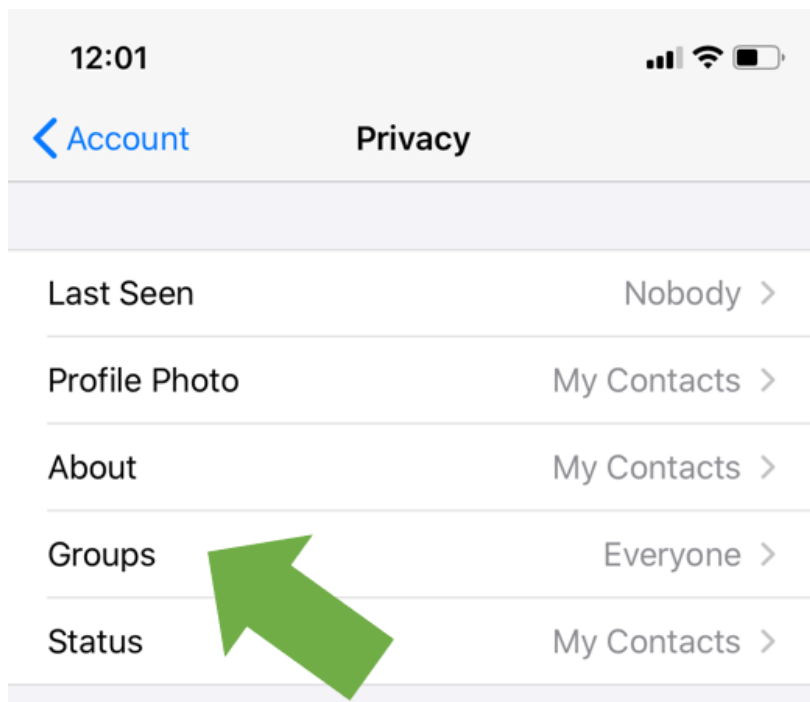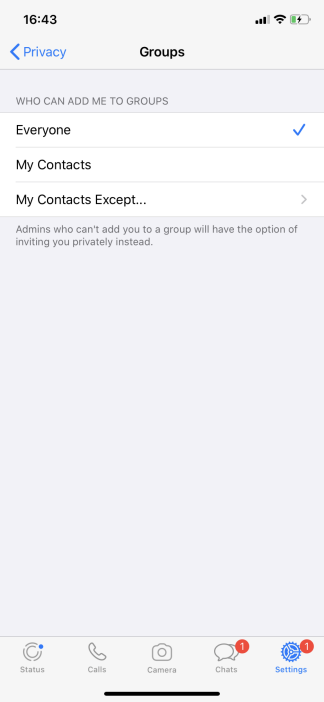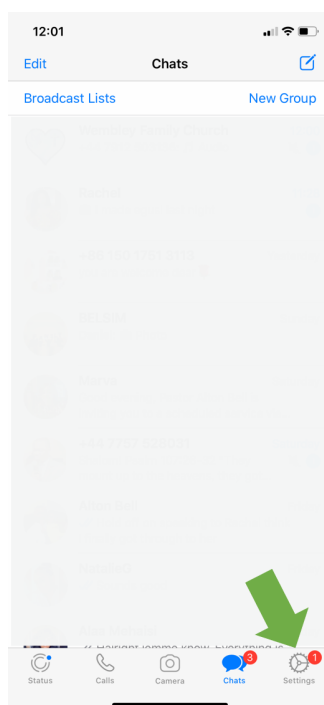# WhatsApp privacy guide

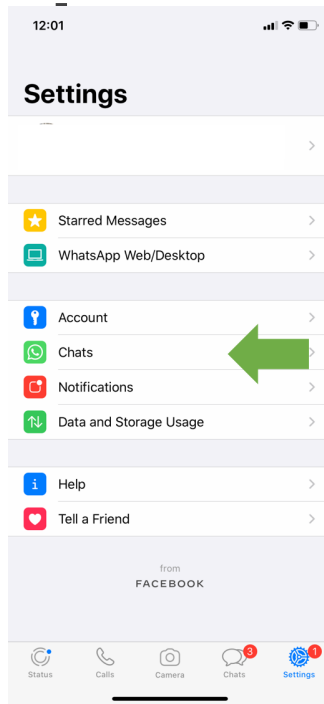## Step by step guide

5   Disable automatic photo or video downloads The default settings for WhatsApp is that photos and videos you receive are automatically saved to your camera roll. To disable this: Open WhatsApp, go to Setting, tap Chat, next to Save to Camera Roll, slide to toggle off. If prompted, tap DONE or tap OK. Group privacy settings aren't available on WhatsApp Web or Desktop.

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‹ Settings　　Chats

Chat Wallpaper

Save to Camera Roll　🟢

Automatically save photos and videos you ~~receive~~ your iPhone's Camera Roll.

Chat Backup　1 ›

Archive All Chats

Clear All Chats

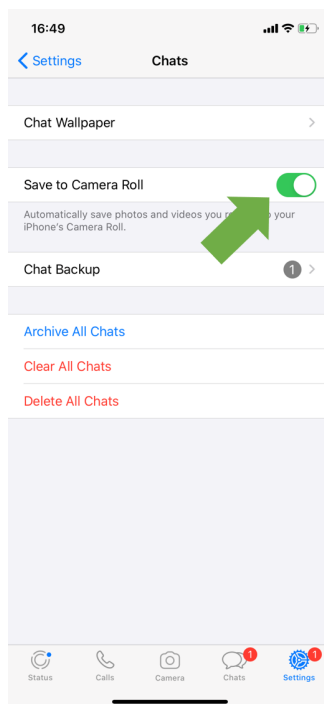Delete All Chats

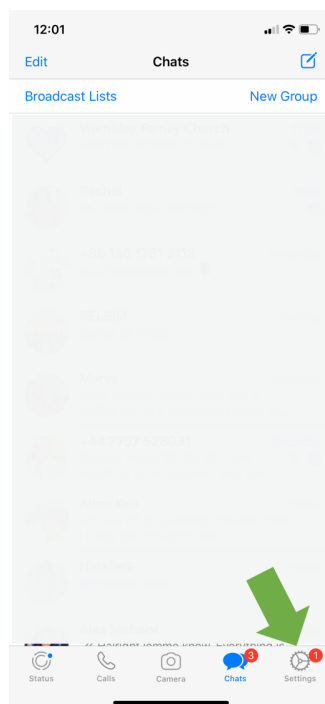Status　Calls　Camera　Chats¹　Settings¹

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6   Enable Screen Lock When enabled, you'll need Face ID to unlock WhatsApp. Open WhatsApp, go to Settings, tap Account, Privacy then tap Screen Lock. Swipe to switch the feature on, then tap the time you want to apply. These changes are automatically applied.

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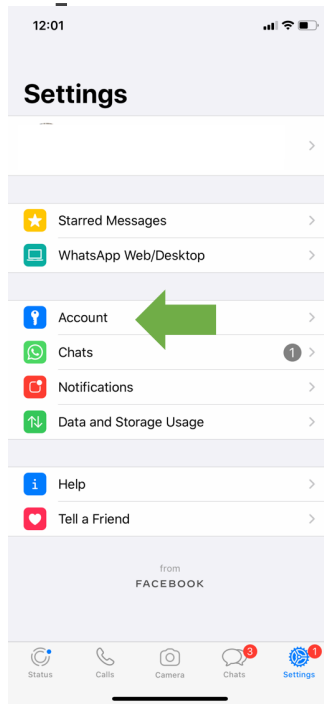
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If you turn off read receipts, you won't be able to see read receipts from other people. Read receipts are always sent for group chats.

Screen Lock >

Require Face ID to unlock WhatsApp.

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<Privacy   Face ID

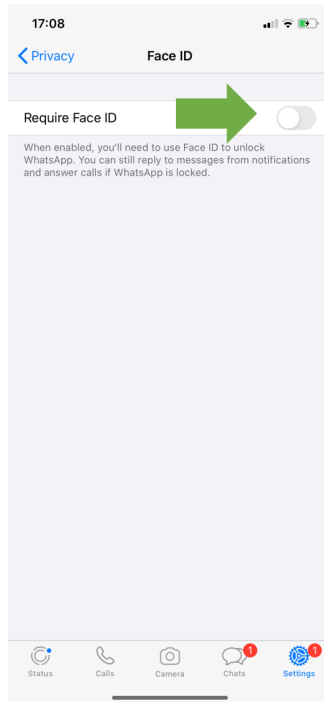Require Face ID   ⬜

When enabled, you'll need to use Face ID to unlock
WhatsApp. You can still reply to messages from notifications
and answer calls if WhatsApp is locked.

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<Privacy   Face ID

Require Face ID   🟢

When enabled, you'll need to use Face ID to unlock
WhatsApp. You can still reply to messages from notifications
and answer calls if WhatsApp is locked.

Immediately   ✓

After 1 minute

After 15 minutes

After 1 hour

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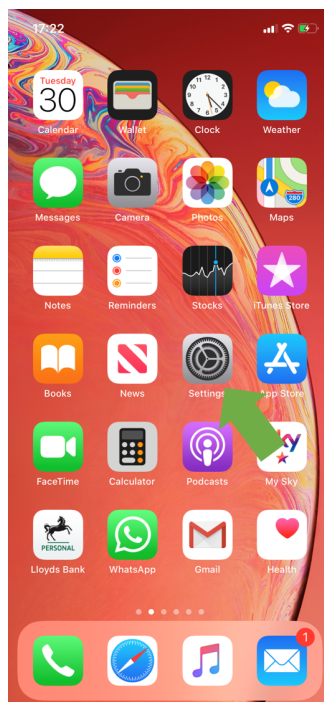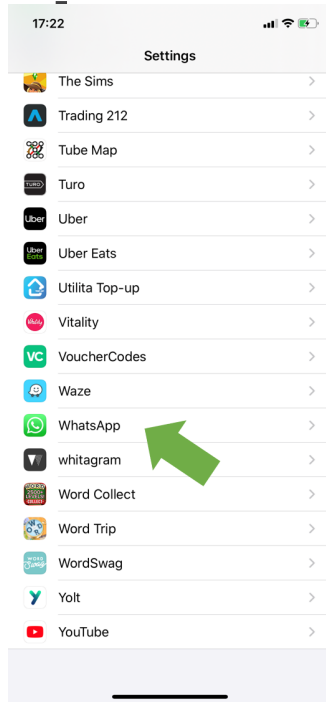
7   Disable Live Location Live location requires background location which can be managed from your device settings: Go to your device Settings, then scroll down to WhatsApp, tap this then tap Location. To turn off location select the Never or Ask Next Time option. Go back to WhatsApp to check the location is switched off. Go to Settings, Account, Privacy then Live Location.

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Settings

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	Trading 212	>
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	Vitality	>
	VoucherCodes	>
	Waze	>
	WhatsApp	>
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	Word Trip	>
	WordSwag	>
	Yolt	>
	YouTube	>

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‹ Settings   WhatsApp

ALLOW WHATSAPP TO ACCESS

	Location	While Using >
	Contacts	⬤
	Photos	Read and Write >
	Microphone	⬤
	Camera	⬤
	Face ID	⬤
	Siri & Search	>
	Notifications Sounds, Badges	>
	Background App Refresh	⬤
	Mobile Data	⬤

PREFERRED LANGUAGE

	Language	English >

< WhatsApp   **Location**

ALLOW LOCATION ACCESS

Never   ✓

Ask Next Time

While Using the App

Always

App explanation: "If you always allow access to your location, you can choose to share your live location, and it will update even when you're not using the app. If you only allow access while using the app, you can only send your current location or a nearby place."

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< Privacy   **Live Location**

You aren't sharing live location in any chats.

Live location requires background location. You can manage this in your device settings.

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