



Only install apps from a **trusted** **app store**

Keeping your smartphone secure is essential if you want to keep out cybercriminals or other intruders. After all, you don't want someone with bad intentions to get access to your device because they can do a lot of harm.

Find more tips on
www.safeonweb.be/en/secure-mobile-devices



Downloaded an app
just like that?



Follow these 5 steps to keep your smartphone secure



STEP 1

**Only download apps
from trusted app stores**

The official app stores are the **App Store** if you use an iPhone and the **Google Play Store** if you use a different brand of device. Before downloading an app, take a good look at who is the publisher of this app.



STEP 2

**Watch out for
suspicious messages**

Always be **very careful** if you receive an email or text message asking you to download an app. Chances are that you will install a **dangerous app** or even a **virus** through a **less secure app store**.



STEP 3

**Don't ignore
safety warnings**

Do you get a **warning** that you are about to install an **untrustworthy app**? Don't install the app.



STEP 4

**Provide only limited
access to apps**

When you install an app, it will usually ask you to get **access to other data**: e.g. your photos, your contacts or your location. **Only give permission** if this is necessary and useful for using the app. A calculator app really doesn't need access to your contacts, photos, or location.



STEP 5

**Make sure your smartphone
and apps are always
up-to-date**

Does your phone notify you of an **update**? Install it as soon as possible. Turn off your smartphone regularly. When restarting, some updates are performed automatically.



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