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Setting Up a Recovery Contact

Courtesy of Chat GPT, as requested by SMMUG member GUY JOHNSON

Setting up a recovery contact on an iPhone is a crucial step to protect your Apple ID and ensure you can regain access to your account if you forget your password. This feature is part of Apple's enhanced security measures, designed to safeguard your digital life while providing a safety net for account recovery. Here's a comprehensive guide to setting up a recovery contact on your iPhone.

What is a Recovery Contact?

A recovery contact is a trusted individual who can help you regain access to your Apple ID. Unlike sharing your password, this method maintains your account's security because the contact cannot access your account. Instead, they provide a special recovery code that allows you to reset your password.

Why Use a Recovery Contact?

Forgetting your Apple ID password can lock you out of your account, making it impossible to access iCloud, App Store purchases, or synced data. A recovery contact adds an extra layer of security and ensures you have a reliable way to recover your account without compromising your privacy.

How to Set Up a Recovery Contact

Follow these steps to set up a recovery contact on your iPhone:

1. Ensure Your iPhone is Updated
 - Your iPhone must be running iOS 15 or later to use this feature.
 - To check, go to Settings > General > Software Update. If an update is available, download and install it.
2. Access Apple ID Settings - Open the Settings app and tap your name at the top of the screen to access your Apple ID settings.
3. Navigate to Account Recovery
 - In the Apple ID menu, tap Password & Security.
 - Select Account Recovery. This section allows you to manage recovery options.
4. Add a Recovery Contact
 - Tap Add Recovery Contact.
 - Authenticate using Face ID, Touch ID, or your device passcode if prompted.
 - Choose a trusted contact from your address book. This person must have an Apple device running iOS 15, iPadOS 15, or macOS Monterey (or later).
 - Confirm the selection and send an invitation to your chosen contact. They must accept the invitation to become your recovery contact.
5. Verify the Contact - Once your contact accepts the invitation, they will be listed as a recovery contact under Account Recovery.

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SIG NEWS

The Saturday SMMUG Special Interest Group (SIG) will meet from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, **February 8, 2025, via a Zoom video conference.** Note that this SIG occurs the Saturday before the General Meeting.

An email containing the Meeting ID and password will be sent to all members.

The February SIG will concentrate on using the Focus Mode function.

All are invited, but new users are especially encouraged to attend this meeting. Bring your tips and tricks, questions and suggestions.

Go to: <https://www.smmug.org/meeting-info> to find the instructions for attending our ZOOM meetings.

For more information about Special Interest Groups (SIGs), go to the [SMMUG website](https://www.smmug.org).

Future SIG Zoom Meetings:

Mar 8 - iCloud
Apr 12 - Preview
May 10 - Maps and Find My



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Our regular monthly meetings are on the second Monday of every month. Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

February 10, 2025
March 10, 2025 - *Zoom only*
April 14, 2025
May 12, 2025
June 9, 2025
July 14, 2025
August 11, 2025 - *Pizza Party!*
September 8, 2025
October 13, 2025
November 10, 2025
December 8, 2025 - *Annual Meeting and Elections*

SMMUG GENERAL MEETING

Most General Member Meetings are “hybrid” in-person and Zoom meetings. The in-person meetings are held at the East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd, in the Community Meeting Room or Community Annex. Look for signs directing you to the room.

The March meeting will be held over Zoom only.

February 10, 2025

5:30 Meeting room opens
5:45 Q&A Session
6:30 *ish* Break
6:45 Program - Artificial Intelligence
7:45 Adjourn

Future Meetings - East Library & over Zoom

March - **Zoom Only** - Apple AI, including Image Playground and Writing Tools
April - iOS 18.4 and Mac OS 15.4 updates. AI, other new features and impacts on productivity.

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Using a Recovery Contact

If you're locked out of your Apple ID, follow these steps:

1. Contact Your Recovery Contact - Reach out to the person you designated as your recovery contact.
2. Obtain a Recovery Code
 - Your recovery contact can generate a recovery code from their Apple device.
 - They'll provide you with the code, which is valid for a limited time.
3. Recover Your Account - Enter the code in the recovery process to reset your password and regain access to your Apple ID.

Tips for Choosing a Recovery Contact

- Trust: Choose someone you trust completely, such as a close family member or a reliable friend.
- Tech Savvy: The person should be comfortable using Apple devices to generate the recovery code.
- Accessible: Ensure they are someone you can easily reach in case of an emergency.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can my recovery contact access my account?
No. Recovery contacts cannot log in to your Apple ID or access your account. They only provide a recovery code when needed.
2. Can I have multiple recovery contacts?
Yes. You can add multiple recovery contacts to increase your chances of accessing your account when needed.
3. What happens if my contact changes their device?
As long as they continue using an Apple device with a supported operating system, they can still serve as your recovery contact.

Conclusion

Setting up a recovery contact on your iPhone is a straightforward yet vital process that enhances your account security while ensuring you can recover your Apple ID if needed. By selecting a trusted individual and enabling this feature, you gain peace of mind knowing your digital life is protected against accidental lockouts. Apple's recovery contact feature strikes a balance between security and accessibility, making it an essential tool for all users.

If you want to try ChatGPT yourself, here are some useful links:

Download: <https://openai.com/chatgpt/download/>

OpenAI Help Center: <https://help.openai.com/en/articles/9275200-using-the-chatgpt-macos-app>

OpenAI Developer Community: <https://community.openai.com/latest>

SMMUG Member Bits & Bytes

- **SMMUG is looking for a webmaster.** This volunteer job requires a in-depth knowledge of Word Press. The webmaster will report to the Board, but does not need to be a member of SMMUG. Please let one of the Board officers know IF YOU KNOW ANYONE who might be interested in the job. It could be a high school or college student who would like to bolster a resume.
- **Door prizes for the February meeting will be:** an Adore 3 in 1 Wireless Foldable Charging Station, folding Phone Stand, Anker Magnetic Powerbank with kickstand and a \$10 Apple gift card.. Winners must have a current membership for 2025 and be present at the Zoom or in-person meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report for February 2025:** Total funds in the Checking, Savings and PayPal account \$3,070.11. Paid memberships for 2025 = 22. Tax form 990-N was submitted. **Member dues for 2025 are payable now.**



Gary Rosenzweig's Tips



Gary is a good friend of SMMUG and has been a General Meeting presenter several times. He has graciously given SMMUG permission to reference some of his content in our newsletter.

Each wonderful video on [MacMost is brought to you ad-free thanks to its supporters! Learn about the Patreon campaign and find out how you can join Club MacMost!](#) For \$5 per month you can become a member. Members of Club MacMost have access to member-only videos, extra posts & tips, and get discounts on MacMost courses.

Gary keeps a list of his recommendations for Backup programs, Software, Microphones, Displays and Accessories at: https://macmost.com/recommendations?awt_a=2Pa&awt_l=aitain&awt_m=K1F44ZIS4h8I.a

Here's a list of descriptions and links to some of Gary's recent videos, available to all, that you may find interesting.

31 Mission Control tips

Gary's video shows you how to create multiple Desktop Spaces to multi-task and make it feel like you have more than one display. https://macmost.com/31-mission-control-tips.html?awt_a=2Pa&awt_l=aitain&awt_m=JQui0E_vLh8I.a&nlclx

Phishing Attacks: How They Work and How to Protect Yourself

Don't Get Hooked! Gary gives you some great tips on what phishing is and how to avoid getting caught. Be sure to share with your friends and family! https://macmost.com/phishing-attacks-how-they-work-and-how-to-protect-yourself.html?awt_a=2Pa&awt_l=aitain&awt_m=Jb2ca.xSbh8I.a&nlclx

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10 Ways to Move Files in Finder (plus a lot of Finder Tips)

Practical information about moving files, giving you options for a way that helps your work flow.

https://macmost.com/10-ways-to-move-files-from-one-folder-to-another-in-the-finder.html?awt_a=2Pa&awt_l=aitain&awt_m=J5da6jMheh8I.a&nlclx

36 iPhone Keyboard tips

Up your texting game with these very useful tips from Gary! https://macmost.com/36-iphone-keyboard-tips.html?awt_a=2Pa&awt_l=aitain&awt_m=JQui0E_vLh8I.a&nlclx

Mac OS Annoyances and How to Fix them

Sometimes Apple makes "updates" which are helpful for some and annoying for others. Take a look at Gary's video as he addresses how to keep windows from moving aside when you click on the Desktop, changing the cursor color, how to control Notifications and more.

https://macmost.com/20-mac-annoyances-and-how-to-fix-them.html?awt_a=2Pa&awt_l=aitain&awt_m=Jb2ca.xSbh8I.a&nlclx

How to Use the Redesigned iOS18 Photos App

Photos has a new organization scheme in iOS 18. If you're finding it difficult to navigate, take a look at Gary's video.

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Can't wait for the next newsletter to see what the guys and gals at Joy of Tech are up to? Then simply go on over to the [website](#) and see past and current cartoons and other things.

Beware Exploits of WhatsApp's Linked Devices Feature

By ADAM ENGST

On Certo Software's blog, security expert [Simon Lewis writes](#) about how domestic abusers are exploiting a WhatsApp feature to spy on their partners:

[WhatsApp's Linked Devices](#) is a feature that allows users to access their WhatsApp account on up to four additional devices such as computers, tablets, or other phones.

Once linked, these devices can send and receive messages independently, offering convenience for users who want to stay connected across multiple platforms.

Although this feature is designed for convenience, it can become a threat in the hands of hackers and cyberstalkers.

This Linked Devices feature resembles Apple's Messages in iCloud since it syncs conversations across multiple devices. However, Apple ensures security by requiring all devices to be logged into the same Apple Account, whereas WhatsApp Linked Devices can be linked with physical access to the victim's phone. Although WhatsApp sends a single notification about new Linked Devices within 5 to 90 minutes of linking, the victim might overlook it, or the attacker may be able to dismiss it.

Lewis recommends regularly [reviewing the Linked Devices](#) section of the WhatsApp settings and disconnecting any devices you don't recognize. To prevent unauthorized linking, turn on [WhatsApp's Face ID or Touch ID authentication](#) so that your face or fingerprint is required to access the app. Also, ensure you trust everyone with whom you've shared your passcode or granted biometric access in Settings > Face/Touch ID & Passcode. In general, avoid sharing access to your iPhone (or other Apple devices) with anyone you haven't already entrusted with access to your bank account.

Read the original article: <https://www.certosoftware.com/insights/secret-surveillance-how-abusers-are-exploiting-whatsapps-linked-devices-feature/>

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When Pictures Take Too Much Storage Space

Adapted from a column by Jim Rossman of Tribune News Service

All those pictures and attachments you and your friends and family exchange by text can take up a lot of room on your phone and/or in your iCloud storage if you are syncing your messages. There are ways to reduce this load.

If you want to see what message threads are taking a lot of space, open the iPhone "Settings", **touch your name at the top**, then touch "iCloud" (1). In the "Saved to iCloud" section, touch the "Messages" box (2). That will take you to a screen that says "Messages in iCloud". From there, select "Manage Storage" (3) and then "Top Conversations" (4).

To see the attachments in a specific message thread, touch the name of the thread, then the contact icon at the top. The next screen will show you a section with photos. Touch "See All" to see all the pictures you have shared in the thread. If you touch and hold your finger on a photo, you get the choice to save or delete it. Saving the picture will put it in your camera roll. Deleting the picture will remove it from the thread and iCloud account.



Apple Explains How to Update Your AirPods

By ED HARDY - Cult of Mac; submitted by SMMUG member MIKE MARUS

Apple finally explained exactly how to update your AirPods firmware. The process can happen automatically, in the background, but there is a way to speed up the AirPods update process. Plus, it's a good idea to manually check you're running the latest version, which brings bug fixes and sometimes great new features.

Read on for more details, and find all current AirPods firmware versions, along with instructions for getting the AirPods update [as quickly as possible](#).

Here's how to check if your AirPods are running the latest firmware on iPhone, iPad and Mac. Plus what to do if they aren't, and what you can do to force AirPods' firmware to update.

How to update AirPods firmware

Apple periodically brings out new AirPods firmware with improvements and bug fixes. It's well worth installing these updates because they fix bugs and sometimes contain significant new features. There's no better example than the firmware update AirPods Pro 2 received in October, as it expanded the capabilities of the earbuds beyond entertainment and [into medical-grade hearing aids](#).

Apple typically doesn't bother to announce AirPods firmware updates. However, the company does publish [release notes](#) so users know what's changed.

When you hear about a firmware update, you can force it to update by [following the process described below](#). If you don't want to bother, justly know that firmware updates are also conducted automatically when your AirPods are charging and in Bluetooth range of an iPhone, iPad or Mac that's connected to Wi-Fi.

What is the latest AirPods firmware?

- AirPods (4th generation): 7B20
- AirPods (4th generation) with Active Noise Cancellation: 7B20
- AirPods (3rd generation): 6F21
- AirPods (2nd generation): 6F21
- AirPods (1st generation): 6.8.8

Both variants of the new AirPods 4 went to 7B20 in November. Apple promises "Bug fixes and other improvements." AirPods 2 and AirPods 3 got an upgrade to firmware version 6F21 in October. AirPods 1 firmware hasn't been updated in years.

What is the latest AirPods Pro firmware?

- AirPods Pro (2nd generation) with MagSafe Charging Case (USB-C): 7B21
- AirPods Pro (2nd generation) with MagSafe Charging Case (Lightning): 7B21
- AirPods Pro (1st generation): 6F21

Starting in November, both versions of AirPods Pro 2 are on firmware version 7B21, which includes "Bug fixes and other improvements," according to Apple. Original AirPods Pro got an upgrade in October to firmware version 6F21.

And what is the latest AirPods Max firmware?

- AirPods Max (USB-C): 7A291
- AirPods Max: 6F21

AirPods Max (USB-C) got an upgrade in October to firmware version 6F21. The original version didn't get this, though.

How to check your current firmware version on iPhone or iPad

It's pretty easy to quickly check if your AirPods are up to date in iOS and iPadOS.

1. Connect your AirPods to your iPhone or iPad

Start by establishing an active connection to your AirPods by opening the lid of the charging case. Or put the earbuds on, whichever you prefer.

2. Go to Settings

Open the Settings app on your iPhone or iPad. When connected, your AirPods should be right at the top of settings, just below your Apple ID settings. Tap the name of your AirPods, and on the next screen scroll almost to the bottom where you'll see Version, which lists the current firmware number.

Screenshot: Leander Kahney/Cult of Mac



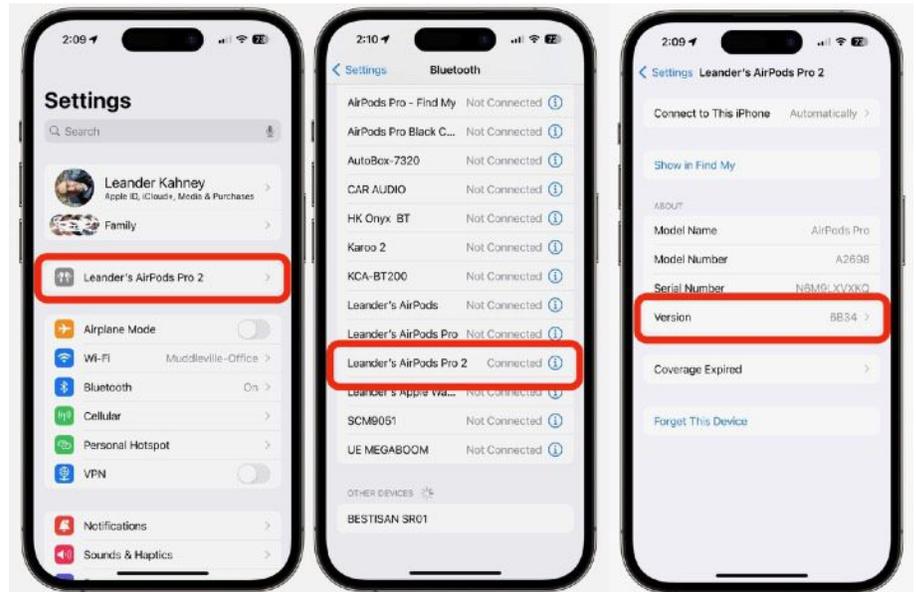
For many AirPods models, look for **Version** to say **6B20** or **6F21**. The same is true for first-gen AirPods Pro. The latest AirPods Pro should read **7B21**, and so on.

3. Alternatively, go to Settings -> Bluetooth

Another way to check AirPods firmware is to go to **Settings -> Bluetooth** and look under **My Devices** for the name of your AirPods. Tap in the blue **i** icon

— it's an **i** with a circle around it next to the name.

On the resulting page, look for **Version**. Again, the latest version for most AirPods is **7B20** or **6F21**, while the newer AirPods Pro are on **7B19**. You also can check [Apple's list](#) of current firmware versions.



How to force an update

If your AirPods firmware isn't current, you can speed up the update. For close to a decade, Apple resisted revealing the process, though users figured it out. Still, having Apple explain — at long last — exactly what to do is a welcome change.

Unfortunately, you can't push a button or toggle a setting to immediately tell your AirPods to update. It's a bit more indirect. Apple says the process to update your AirPods or AirPods Pro firmware involves:

1. Make sure that your AirPods are in Bluetooth range of your iPhone, iPad, or Mac that's connected to Wi-Fi.
2. Put your AirPods in their charging case and close the lid.
3. Plug the charging cable into your charging case, then plug the other end of the cable into a USB charger or port.
4. Keep the lid of the charging case closed, and wait at least 30 minutes for the firmware to update.
5. Open the lid of the charging case to reconnect your AirPods to your iPhone, iPad, or Mac.
6. Check the firmware version again.

If you still can't update your firmware, [reset your AirPods](#), then try to update your firmware again.

This is just what we've said for years: the best you can do is put your AirPods or AirPods Pro in their case and plug the case into a power cable (Lightning or USB-C). Then make sure the iPhone or iPad they are paired with is close by, and wait. The firmware should update. Typically, the process takes five to 10 minutes, but it can take up to 30 minutes. Be patient!

Same thing for [AirPods Max](#): Just plug the headphones into a charging cable. Or if you have a wireless charging case, put your AirPods on a wireless charger. Then put the headphones near your iPhone or iPad and wait.

To be clear, manually updating AirPods firmware is a problem only for people who get antsy and want the latest as soon as they can get it. For everyone else, just keep using your AirPods. The update will happen without you having to do a thing.

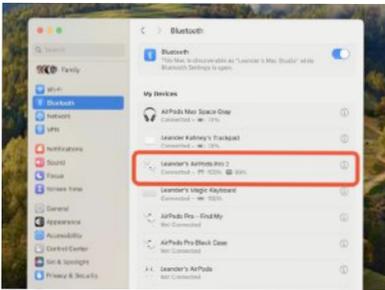


How to check AirPods' current firmware version on Mac

You also can check your AirPods firmware on a [Mac](#). Your Mac will need to be running macOS Ventura or later.

1. Go to System Settings Under the Apple Menu (Top Left of Screen)

The **Apple** menu icon in the upper left corner of your Mac's screen, and select **System Settings**.



Screenshot: Leander Kahney/Cult of Mac

2. Select Bluetooth

Click Bluetooth in the left-hand sidebar. Then find your AirPods in the My Devices list and select the blue ⓘ icon (an i with a circle around it next to the name). Be sure that your AirPods are connected to your Mac. It should say Connected. (If not, open the lid of the AirPods case, or select Connect next to the earbuds' device name.)

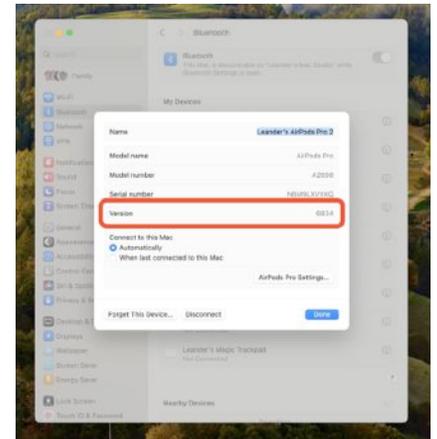
3. Check the firmware version

After clicking on your AirPods, a popup will show information about them,

including the firmware number next to Version. Check it against the firmware numbers listed above, or against [Apple's list](#) of current AirPods firmware updates.

4. Force an update

If the firmware version isn't up to date, pop your [AirPods](#) into their case, and plug them into a charging cable. You can put the other end of the charging cable into your Mac. The firmware should update itself. Again, it typically takes five to 10 minutes, but might take half a hour or longer. If your AirPods came with a wireless charging case, you can put them on a wireless charger.



Can you update AirPods firmware on Android or Windows?

Even though you can connect your AirPods to an Android device or a Windows computer, you cannot update the firmware on Android or Windows. You can only update AirPods firmware on iOS, iPadOS and macOS. There is currently no third-party software that can do an AirPods firmware update.

Two More “How to Update” articles can be found at these links:

How to Update AirTags: <https://www.cultofmac.com/how-to/how-to-get-the-latest-airtag-firmware-update>

How to Update Apple Pencil: <https://www.cultofmac.com/how-to/how-to-get-apple-pencil-firmware-update>

Editor's note: We originally published this post on how to update AirPods firmware on November 14, 2019. We refresh it periodically with successive new AirPods firmware versions. [Leander Kahney](#) contributed to this post.

Can Siri Get Any Worse? Yes

By ADAM ENGST

On his One Foot Tsunami blog, friend-of-TidBITS Paul Kafasis relates what happened when [he asked Siri who won Super Bowl XIII](#). Siri failed miserably, causing him to roll the dice again for every Super Bowl from 1 to 60 (even though 59 and 60 haven't yet been played). The results are horrifyingly hilarious.

So, how did Siri do? With the absolute most charitable interpretation, Siri correctly provided the winner of just 20 of the 58 Super Bowls that have been played. That's an absolutely abysmal 34% completion percentage. If Siri were a quarterback, it would be drummed out of the NFL.

At Daring Fireball, John Gruber provides further context and insights [by comparing Siri with several other answer engines](#). In testing these platforms with a randomly chosen question—“Who won the 2004 North Dakota high school boys' state basketball championship?”—ChatGPT and Kagi answered perfectly. DuckDuckGo received partial credit for providing relevant but incomplete information. (In my testing, Perplexity returned the correct answers but confused the girls' results with the boys'.) Both Apple's “new Siri” (enhanced by Apple Intelligence) and Google's AI Overview failed, delivering a medley of wrong answers. “Old Siri” declined to answer the question, instead providing links like to a standard search engine, with the top link being a PDF containing the answer.

Nailing AI accuracy is trickier than it appears, and Apple clearly has much to learn. For now, restrict Siri usage to simple stuff and always double-check its answers.

Read the original article: <https://onefoottsunami.com/2025/01/23/not-so-super-apple/>

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5 Things to Try When You Can't Get Out of Dark Mode

From the guidingtech.com website - used successfully by SMMUG member LINNEA McDONALD

I accidentally hit a combination of keys and somehow turned on Dark Mode without wanting to. The Apple website only covers a couple of options to turn it off, and the instructions were hard to find. After doing a web search, I came upon this information from Guiding Tech and had to go through all five steps to finally get back to the Light.

Basic Ways:

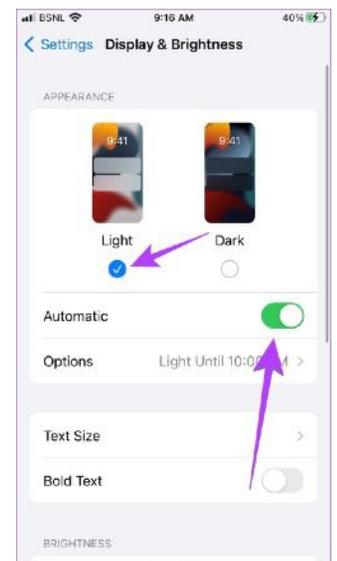
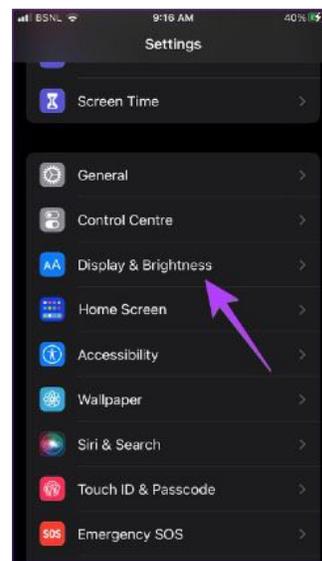
- **Disable shortcuts:** You can also look in the Apple Shortcuts app and see if any shortcut is set to enable Dark Mode on your iPhone. If you see any such shortcut, delete it from your iPhone.
- **Use Siri:** You can also use Siri to get rid of Dark Mode on your iPhone. Open Siri by saying Hey Siri or pressing the Home button on your iPhone. Then, say "Turn off dark mode" to disable Dark Mode

Method 1: Get Rid of Black Background on iPhone From Settings

One of the easiest ways to turn off dark mode on your iPhone or iPad is from the Settings app. This will allow you to stop dark mode from automatically turning on during a specific time of the day, like after sunset. Here's how.

Step 1: Open the Settings app > tap on Display & Brightness.

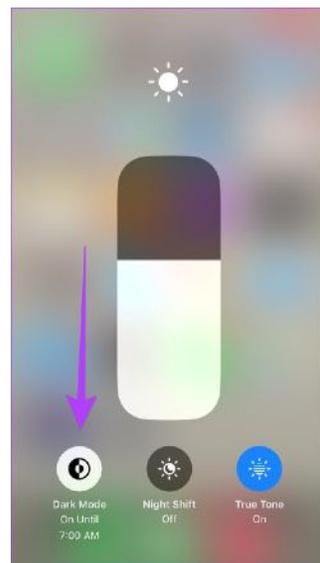
Step 2: Here, tap on **Light** > turn off the toggle for **Automatic**.



Method 2: Remove the Dark Screen on iPhone From Control Center

Step 1: Open the **Control Center** on your iPhone and long-press the **brightness slider**.

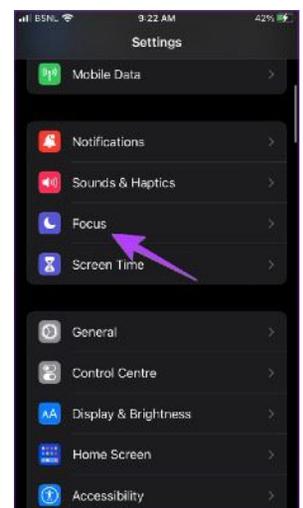
Step 2: Tap on the **Dark Mode button** at the bottom to turn off dark mode on your iOS device.

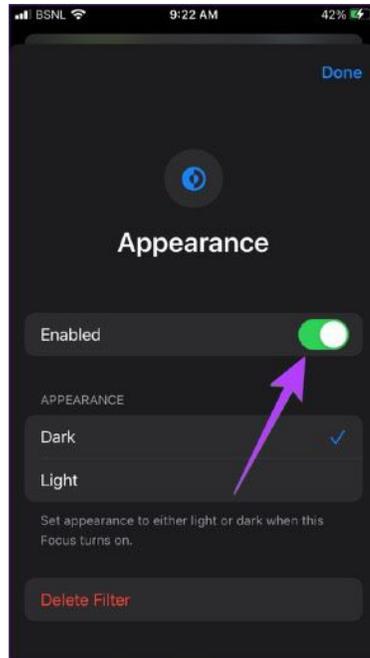
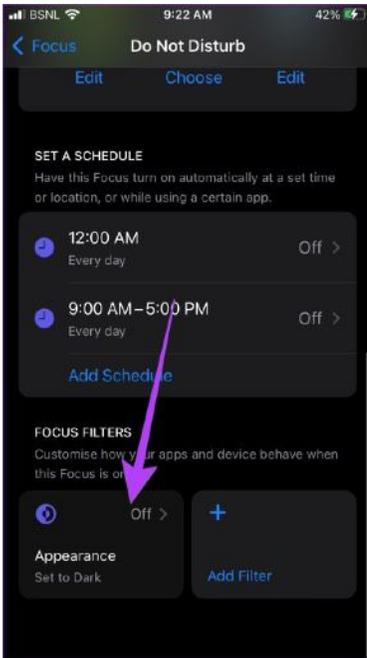


Method 3: Unlink Dark Mode From Focus Filters

iOS 16 introduced the concept of focus filters in Focus Modes, which allows you to turn your iPhone's screen black when a linked Focus profile is activated. This feature might be why dark mode gets activated automatically on your iPhone. To turn it off, follow the below steps.

Step 1: Open the **Settings** app > tap on **Focus**. Then, tap on all the Focus Modes one by one, starting with **Do Not Disturb**.





Step 2: Scroll down and if you see Appearance (set to dark), tap on it. Then, turn off the toggle for **Enabled**. Finally, tap on **Done**.

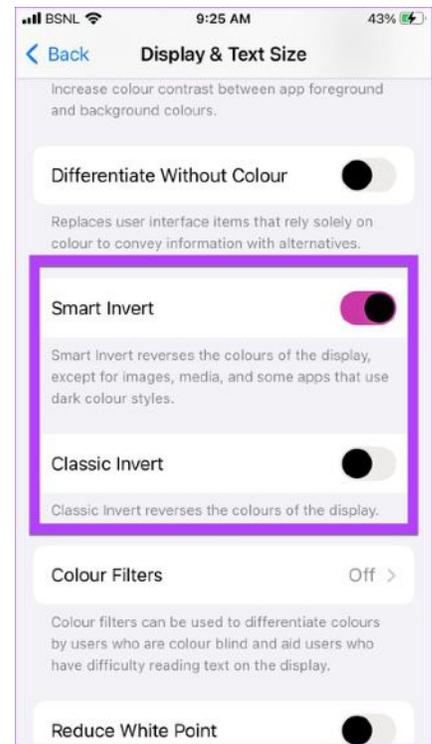
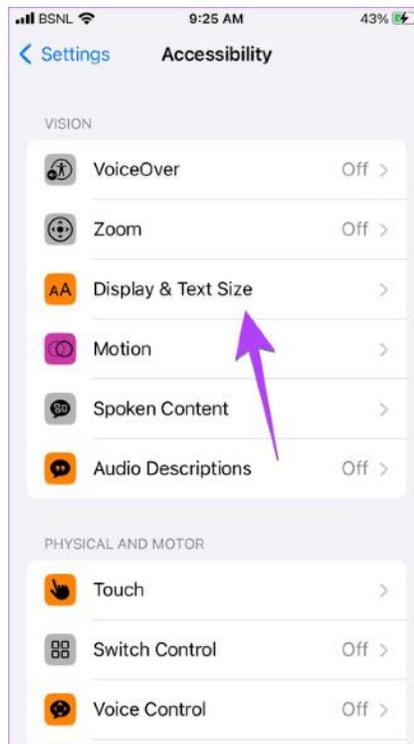
Now, go back to the Focus screen and repeat the above steps for other Focus modes on your iPhone.

Method 4: Turn off Smart and Classic Invert to Remove Black Screen

If turning off dark mode using the above methods didn't remove the black screen, you might have enabled [color invert on your iPhone](#). To get rid of the black background on your iPhone, follow these steps.

Step 1: Open Settings and tap on Accessibility. Then tap on Display & Text Size.

Step 2: Turn off the toggle for **Smart Invert** and **Class Invert**, depending on which one is enabled.

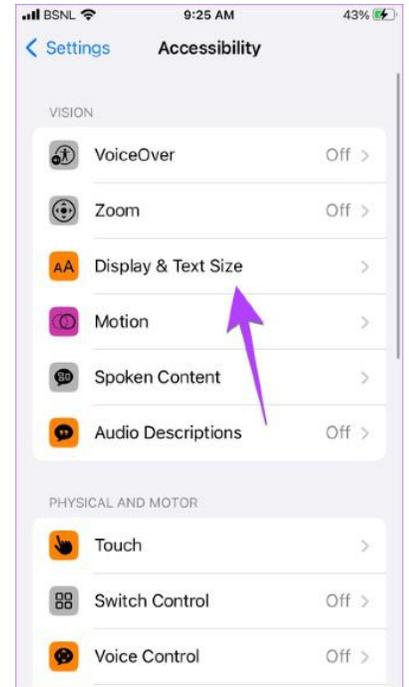
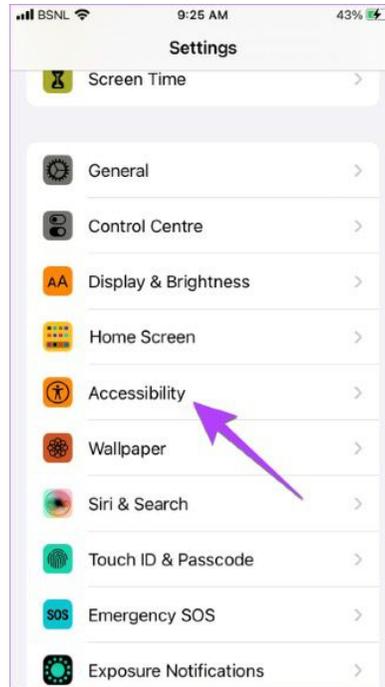
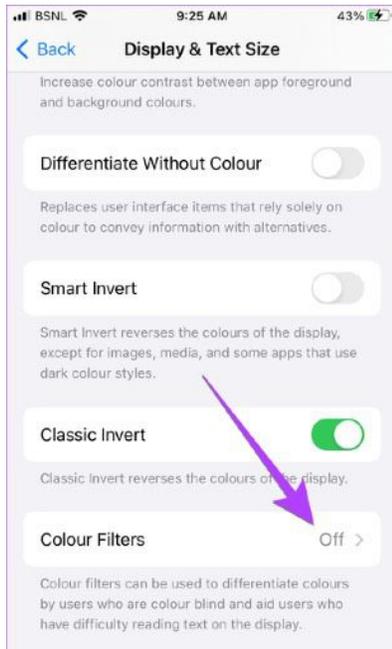


Method 5: Turn off Color Filters

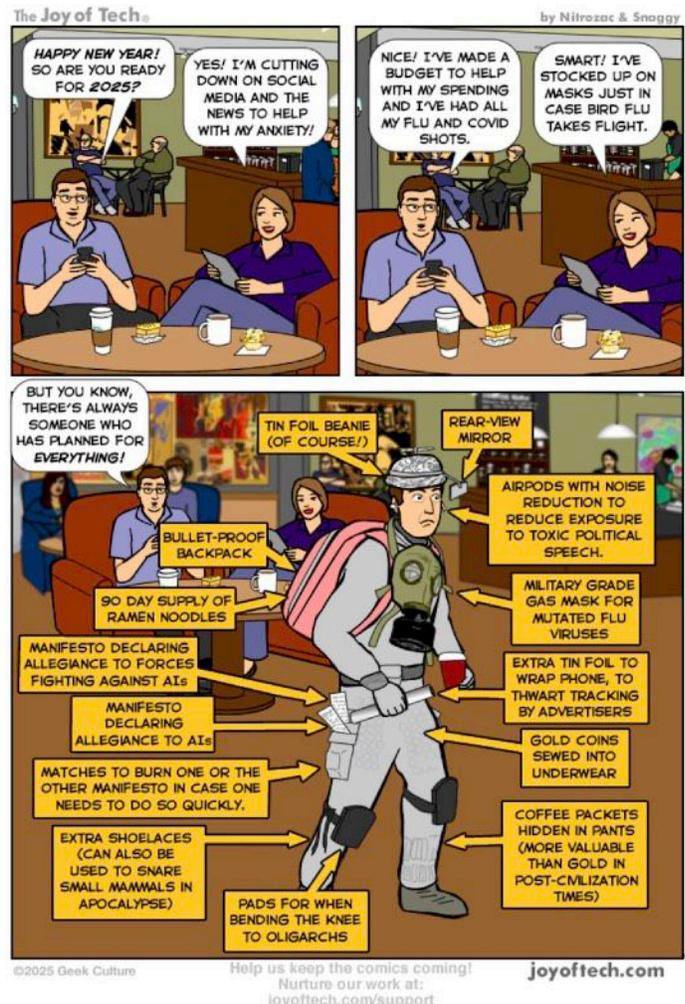
Another accessibility setting that could cause your iPhone to turn black or grey is the color filter setting. You can turn it off to restore your iPhone's screen colors to normal. Here's how.

Step 1: Open Settings and tap on Accessibility. Then tap on Display & Text Size.

Step 2: Here, tap on **Color Filters**. Then, turn off the toggle for **Color Filters**.



Once done, any currently active Color Filter settings will be turned off, disabling dark mode on your iPhone.



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