



Tips For Downloading Apps

If you need help, find someone who knows about downloading apps. Ask a family member, friend, staff, or professional.

Download apps from an official website. This could be the Apple App store  or Google Play Store. 



DO YOUR RESEARCH!

Reviews



- Are there honest reviews?
- Look at the number of reviews. More reviews means more people used it. If there are not a lot of reviews, it may be new OR not well liked.
- Look for the number of stars. ☆☆☆ If it does not have many stars, look around some more.
- Check the number of downloads. That can let you know if people like it.

Descriptions

- Look to see if the app is compatible with the device you are using.
- Make sure the app is what you are looking for.
- Make sure the app will fit in the file space on your device.
- Look at the thumbnails and pictures and see if the app will work for you. There may be features you do not want.
- A Beta version is a test version. You may want to avoid these apps.

BETA

FREE OR PAY?

Some apps have a free version and a paid version

- The app may use words like Subscription or Premium or 30 days trial. The app might cost money. \$\$
- If there is a link to a paid version, you may be able to skip it or say no thanks.
- Some apps have a free trial version of the app you want. You can use the free trial version for a limited time, like a preview. If you want to use the app after the time is up, you will need to pay for it.

Trust your instincts! If something feels fishy or not right, there could be a reason for it.



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PRIVACY POLICY AND PERMISSIONS

Do not share personal identifying information

- Birthdate
- Social Security number
- Address
- Phone number

Check if the app will share your information with other businesses.

Check if the app wants you sign up for newsletters or ads. Be sure you do not get things you do not want.

SIGN UP & LOG IN

- Create a user name and password. Keep user names and passwords short, but not something someone could guess.
- Some apps use your email as the user name.
- You will need to use letters, numbers and symbols in your password. ! ? #
- Do not log in with Facebook or Google.
- Do not use the same password for everything.
- Do not save your passwords unless you are on your own device or phone.
- Write down your user names and passwords and put in a safe place.

