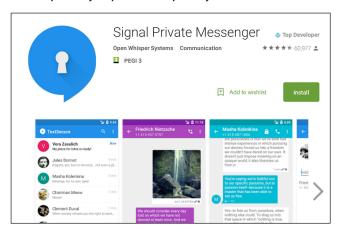


HOW TO Use Signal Messenger

Signal is a free and open source messenging application for iPhone and Android that employs end-to-end encryption. It allows users to send encrypted group, text, picture, and video messages, and have encrypted phone conversations between Signal users on any supported platform.

INSTALLATION

To install Signal on your phone, search for 'Signal' in the Google Play store or the iPhone App Store, and install the 'Signal Private Messenger' application developed by Open Whisper Systems.



As an application which integrates tightly with your device, Signal will ask you to grant it a large number of permissions. This is perfectly normal. You can read a full breakdown of what each permission is required for at this link:

support.whispersystems.org/hc/en-us/articles/212535858

When you are satisfied, confirm the permissions to allow the app to install.

FIRST LAUNCH

When you first launch Signal, you will be asked to enter your phone number and click 'Register'.

You will be sent a confirmation text to your device via SMS. Signal should see this text and automatically confirm your registration.

USAGE

In order to use encryption, the person that you are contacting must have Signal installed. If you try to send a message to someone through the Signal app and they do not have Signal installed, it will send a standard text message. If you try to call the person, it will start a standard phone call.

To get started, click the pencil icon in the lowerright corner of the screen:



You will see a list of all the Signal users in your contacts. You can also enter the phone number of a Signal user who isn't in your contacts. When you select a contact, you'll have the choice to either call them or send them a message.

To start an encrypted call, select a contact and then click on the phone icon. You'll know that the contact can accept encrypted calls if you see a small padlock icon next to the phone icon:



In order to send an encrypted text, picture, or video message, navigate to your contact list, click on the contact's name, and send your message.

You can send an encrypted group message by clicking the overflow icon (the three dots in the upper-right corner of the screen) and selecting 'New group'.

Using Signal helps to keep your communications private, as everything sent between Signal users is always protected with end-to-end encryption.

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