

# App Store Review Response: OfficeHybrid Tracker

## App Purpose

**OfficeHybrid Tracker** is a privacy-first hybrid work attendance tracker designed primarily for manual entry with **optional smart location features**. Helps hybrid workers track office vs remote work days to meet company policies.

**Core Function:** Manual entry of daily work locations (Office/WFH/Leave)

**Data Storage:** 100% local device storage, no backend servers, works offline

## Background Location Usage

**Smart Daily Logic:** 1. Check if user already logged attendance today 2. IF LOGGED: Skip all location checks for the day 3. IF NOT LOGGED: Brief 3-5 second location check to help auto-log

**Result:** Most days have 0-1 background checks instead of 3

**Schedule:** Maximum 3 times per weekday (10am, 1pm, 3pm) - only if not already logged

**Examples:** - User opens app at 9:30 AM → Auto-logs office → All 3 daily background checks **SKIPPED** - User forgets to log → 10:00 AM check helps auto-log → 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM checks **SKIPPED** - Manual mode users → **ZERO background location access**

## What We DON'T Do

- No continuous tracking
- No location history storage
- No movement/route tracking
- No always-on GPS
- No data transmission to servers

## Privacy Safeguards

- **Local-only processing** - no backend servers
- **User opt-in required** - not enabled by default
- **Easy disable** - switch to manual mode removes all location access

- **Complete alternative** - full functionality without location permission
- **Intelligent skipping** - no location access if already logged
- **Minimal usage** - maximum 15 seconds total per day

## Legitimate Use Cases

1. **Hybrid Work Compliance:** Auto-detect office attendance to meet company policies
2. **Productivity Analytics:** Location-aware daily summaries and goal tracking
3. **User Convenience:** Eliminate daily manual logging friction for office workers

## Manual Mode Alternative

Complete functionality available without location: - Manual entry notifications (10am, 1pm, 4pm) - All attendance tracking and analytics - Calendar planning and goal setting - Statistics and insights

## Technical Details

- **Duration:** 3-5 seconds per check, immediately stopped
- **Battery Impact:** Minimal - only brief GPS activation when needed
- **Offline Capable:** No internet required
- **Permission Text:** “Scheduled location checks (10am, 1pm, 3pm) to automatically log office attendance. Local processing only, never shared.”

## Summary

**OfficeHybrid Tracker** uses background location legitimately for hybrid work attendance automation while: - Prioritizing manual entry as primary function - Minimizing location access through intelligent daily logic - Providing complete user control and easy opt-out - Storing all data locally with no backend services - Offering identical functionality without location access

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