

Privacy Checkup for Android (and Google)

We are going to check your Android (Google) Account configurations to understand more about privacy settings on your Android device. We are not checking the privacy of every app on your device. Please Note: This table assumes use of a stock ([made by Google](#)) Android phone. Android devices can vary considerably by manufacturer and OS version, and thus this table cannot exhaustively cover the privacy checkup steps for all phones' different settings and photo sharing apps or backups. Try to adapt this table for your Android phone's equivalent apps as needed.

What we are checking?	Features	How to check? (for stock Android)	Why we are checking this?
<i>Account Access/Ownership</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Registered email address- Backup settings to Google Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Settings → [Google Account/Services →] (Check the email on the top)- Settings → [Google Account/Services →] Backup**OR**- Settings → Backup & reset → Check "backup account"	<p>Google account owner can have access to "Find My Phone", app usage, and other devices abuser has recently used.</p> <p>All data in the device could be backed up to abuser's account, including a full Google Maps Location Timeline if enabled.</p>
<i>Location Sharing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Google Maps location sharing	<p><u>Newer Android:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Google Maps → Hamburger Button (top left) → Location Sharing <p><u>Older Android:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Settings → [Google Services →] Google Account (needs internet) → Personal info & privacy → Location Sharing and "Location History"	<p>Your device location can be shared or accessed in many ways.</p>
<i>Photo sharing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shared photo albums on the Google Photos app	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Google Photos app → "Partner account" or "Add partner account"	<p>Google Photos app may not be same login as the phone's Google account.</p> <p>Also, there's album-specific sharing features (on the "sharing" tab of the app) that needs to be checked manually.</p>
<i>Device Administrators</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Any unusual apps in device administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Settings → Security → Device Administrator (or Phone Administrator)	<p>Apps with device administrator privileges can interfere with our scan or even notify abuser of the scan. Check for suspicious apps in the list of device administrators. Some known safe administrator apps are Find my Device and the email (GMail) app.</p>