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A Guide to Personal & Home Security

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What We Will Look At

1. Principles of Crime Prevention



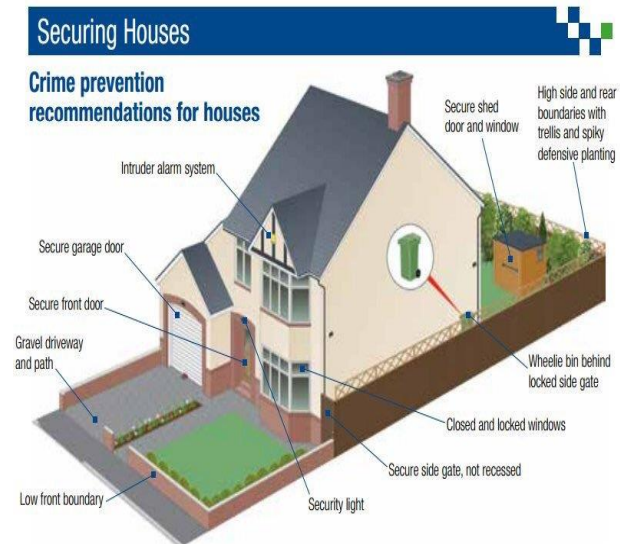
3. Personal Security



4. Social Media



2. Home Security



Principles of Crime Prevention



1. Target Hardening

Making your property harder for an offender to access.

- Upgrading the locks on your doors, windows, sheds and outbuildings
- Fitting sash jammers to vulnerable doors and windows
- Using secure passwords to prevent criminals hacking your online accounts

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2. Target Removal

Ensuring that a potential target is out of view.

- Not leaving items on view through your windows – i.e. laptops, phones, keys, bags
- Putting your vehicle in the garage if you have one and not leaving valuables on display
- Being cautious about what you post online as it may be used to identify or locate you offline

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3. Reducing the Means

Removing items that may help commit an offence.

- Not leaving tools and ladders in the garden and clearing up any rubble/bricks
- Keeping wheelie bins out of reach, as they may be a climbing aid or help transport items
- Making sure that bricks and rubble are cleared up



4. Reducing the Payoff

Reducing the profit the criminal can make from the offence.

- Security marking your property
- Marking your property in such a way that others will not want to buy from the thief
- Not buying property you believe or suspect to be stolen



5. Access Control

Looking at measures that will control access to a location, a person or object.

- Locking your doors and windows to both your house and your vehicle
- Ensuring that fencing, hedges, walls and other boundary treatments are in a good state of repair
- Putting a security system in place at a commercial site (entry barriers, security guards, ID cards)

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8. Rule Setting

Changing our habits by setting rules and positioning signage in appropriate locations.

- Introducing a rule that the last person entering / leaving should lock the door and remove the keys
- Informing visitors to commercial sites that they must report to reception on arrival
- Informing users that a particular site is closed between certain times and should not be accessed



9. Increase the Chances of Being Caught

Increasing the likelihood that an offender will be caught to prevent crime occurring.

- Making use of dusk to dawn security lighting is in place and in working order
- Using good quality CCTV and/or alarm systems, especially on commercial sites and public places
- Upgrading security to delay an offender, meaning they have to spend more time to gain access



10. Deflecting Offenders

Deterring an offender or deflecting their intention.

- Using timer switches to make our homes look occupied if vacant after the hours of darkness
- Running youth diversionary schemes with partner agencies
- Referring offenders to drug rehabilitation programmes

BURGLARY

Targeted burglary

Opportunist Burglary.

Distraction Burglary•



Home Security (Procedures)

Intruder Alarms (perimeter /Secondary interior)

Physical Security

Lights

CCTV

Home Security

Close Curtains during hours of Darkness.

Lighting around the house on a sensor or photocell.

Lighting inside on timers

Natural Surveillance- trim shrubs down to 1m and trees up to 2 m.

Use Bogus Caller Cards

Cancel Post (& Milk) if you are away.

Intruder Alarm

Not a replacement for good physical security

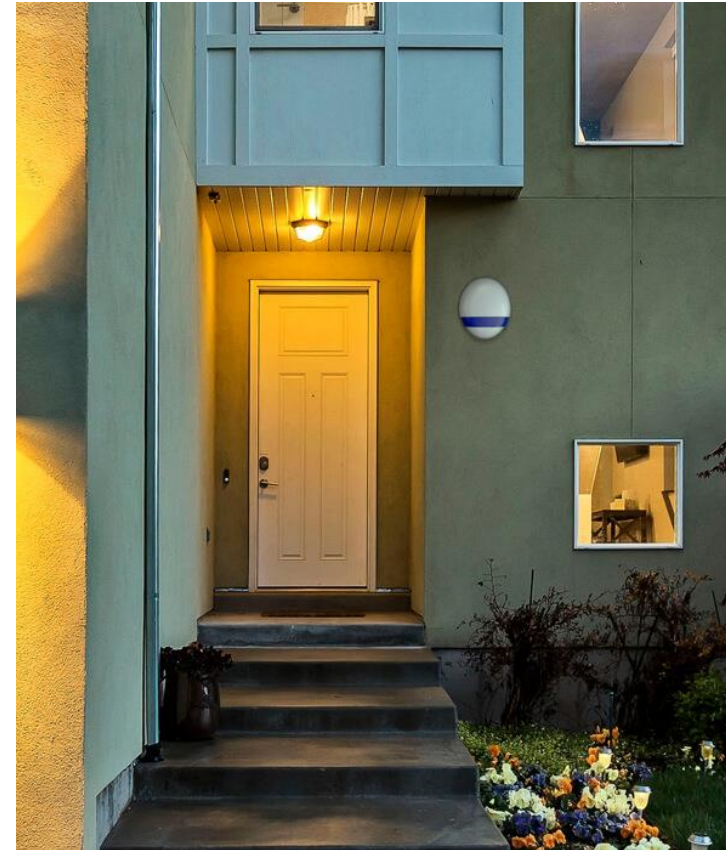
Wired / Wireless

Audible only / remotely monitored

Auto-dialler

Understand your system

Keyholders



Intruder Alarm - Installers

Licensed by PSA

Certified to install to EN standard

Offence to use non-licensed installer

EN 50131 standard

At least 3 quotes





What attracts the burglar

Signs of being unoccupied.

Open Windows

Hidden keys

A build up of Post /Milk, etc.

No alarms.

High vegetation

Ladders or tools in easy reach

Easy access to the rear of your house

Poor lighting or house lights on at the wrong time.



What deters the burglar

Signs of habitation,

Closed windows

Good external lighting

Good view from the road

External Alarm Bell

Good Dog

Access to rear of house closed off.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS



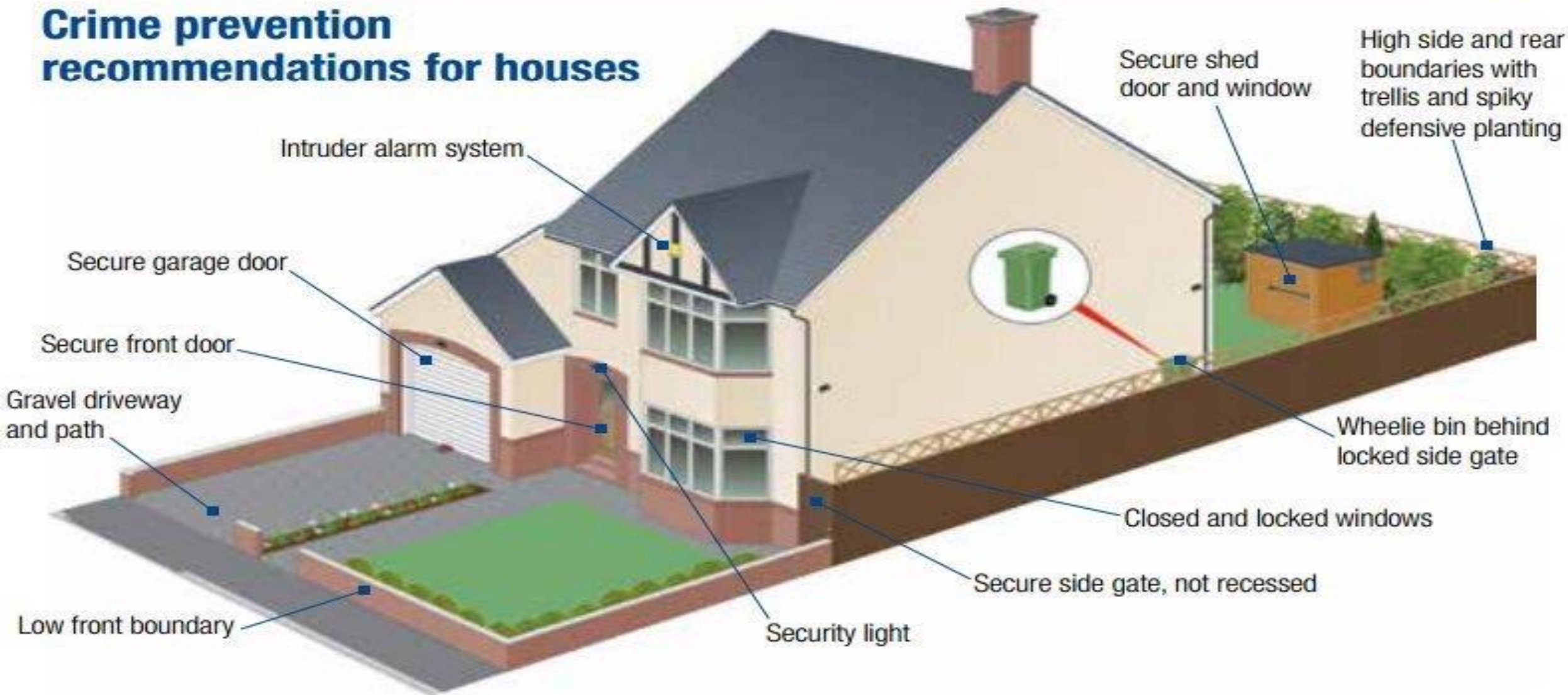
Securing Houses

What opportunities do burglars look for in houses?



Securing Houses

Crime prevention recommendations for houses



LIGHTING FOR SAFETY

6 OUTDOOR SPACES

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ROADWAY LUMINARIES

1

DRIVEWAYS
PARKING AREAS
STREETS

MOTION SENSOR FLOODLIGHTS

2 4

DRIVEWAYS
BACKYARDS
ENTRYWAYS
CORNERS
DECKS/PATIOS
POOL AREAS

MOUNTED LUMINARIES

3

ENTRANCES
PERIMETER

LANDSCAPE LUMINARIES

5

GROUND
TREES/PLANTS
FLOWER BEDS
PATHS/TRAILS
WALKWAYS

MOTION SENSOR RECESSED LIGHTS

6

PATHWAYS
DOORS
BACKYARDS

CCTV

Cost

GDPR

WIFI


Door Bells



Home Security Checklist Challenge

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Crime Prevention Information Sheet



Burglars like easy opportunities. If they have to make a lot of noise, spend a lot of time or risk being seen, the chances are they won't bother. A good rule of thumb is the 3 minute delay test. If you can deny entry for 3 minutes or more – chances are the burglars will go elsewhere. Complete this simple home security survey to determine how well your home is secured against burglary. Ignore questions not relevant to your own home.

Remember, every NO answer is a threat to your home security.

Doors and Windows	Yes	No
1 Are all your external doors properly fitted and equipped with appropriate secure locking systems? (A visible secondary lock on an external door is a deterrent. Consider fire safety; Newly fitted locks should be thumb turn/quick release for safe egress. Use a PSA registered locksmith; www.psa.ie)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 If you have glass panelled doors – are they reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Have you a wide-angled viewer in your front/main entrance doors or other means of viewing callers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Do you have a door chain / limiter fitted and do you use it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Since moving into your home (where there may have been a previous occupier) have you had the locks changed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Are your spare keys kept with a trusted neighbour and never left under an external mat, flower pot etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Do you lock your external doors when away from home, no matter how short a time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Do you lock the doors out of your view when working in the garden / yard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Have you installed an additional lock (s) to your sliding glass / patio doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Can you close and lock your garage / outhouse doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Are the garage / outhouse doors protected with quality locks or deadbolts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Do you close and lock your garage / outhouse doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Are all your windows secure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Can the window openings be restricted for ventilation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Do you check to see if all windows are secured when you leave your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

 **LOCK UP AND LIGHT UP TO IMPROVE YOUR HOME SECURITY.** 
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS OR OTHER CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES,
PLEASE CONTACT your local GARDÁ CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER.
or
visit the Garda website at www.garda.ie

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Personal Security

- Travelling (aware of surroundings) - Dashcams
- Working Alone (checking in)
- Clinics – layout/escape route/protests
- Be conscious of sentiment (social media, trends)
- Personal Intelligent Protection (PIP)



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Personal Security Advice for Elected Officials



Introduction

Thankfully there have been very few major incidents involving violence toward local or national politicians, although when attacks do take place they are widely publicised. This could lend itself to making some elected officials feel that they are more exposed to attacks because of the decisions they are involved in making.

Many elected officials will have experienced unpleasant or challenging interactions with a member of the public, and verbal or written abuse is often accepted as being part and parcel of the role. Whilst most of the aggression experienced will be at the low end of the spectrum of unacceptable behaviour, severe abuse could be considered an offence under the Non Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997.



Crime can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere. The culprits think they won't get caught and the victim thinks it won't be me! The reality is very different. For every crime there is always a victim. **Not every culprit will get caught but every victim will**

suffer. This information leaflet is designed to reduce your risk of injury and/or loss from crime in Public Places.

Being **"Streetwise"** means trusting your gut instincts, being observant and responding to the information your environment is giving you. Even before you venture outside good preparation will make you feel more "Streetwise":

- Tell a friend or a relative where you are going – and what time you are expected back.

- Charge your mobile telephone and programme emergency numbers into the directory .
- Consider a personal alarm and check the batteries before you leave home or office .
- Wear comfortable shoes that you can move quickly in, if you need to .
- Fill up with fuel during daylight hours.
- Regularly check your tyres (including the spare).



- Check your route, and avoid areas that you feel uncomfortable driving through alone.
- Avoid placing your handbag or valuables on the passenger seat beside you.
- Lock your doors when driving around towns and in remote areas.
- Park Smart in well lit areas.
- If a situation is making you feel vulnerable drive to the nearest Garda Station.
- If you are using public transport; check timetables before you leave. Keep your valuables secure. Sit close to the driver. Avoid empty carriages. Have enough money for a taxi in an emergency.

- If you are cycling to an appointment, wear appropriate clothing, park your bicycle in a well lit, secure location and use quality locks, securing it to an immovable object.



It may be difficult to vary your routine as an elected official but where possible try to avoid:

- Leaving or returning home at exactly the same time.
- Walking the same routes at the same times.

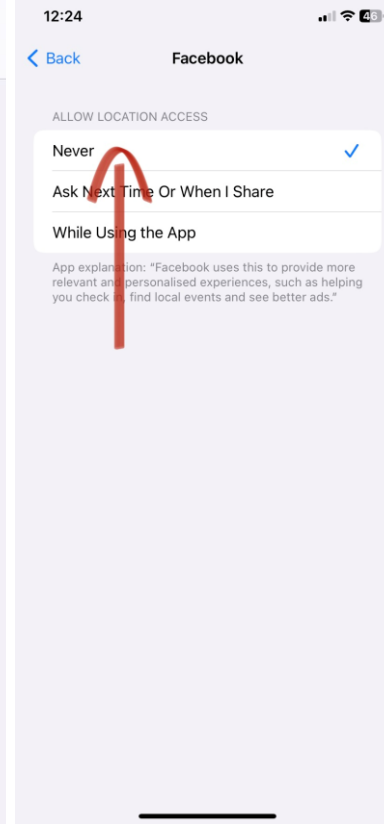
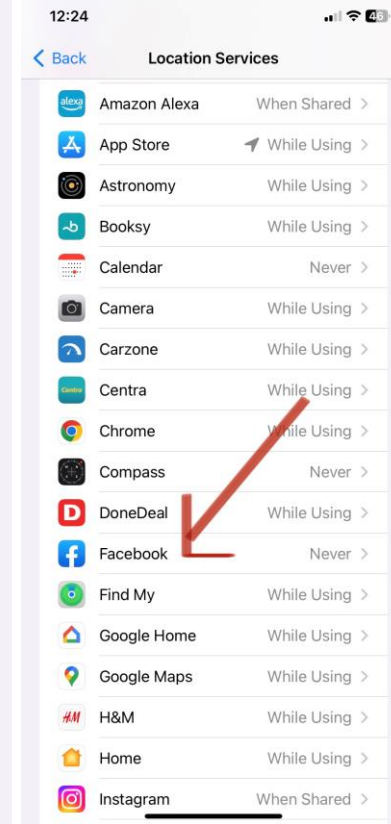
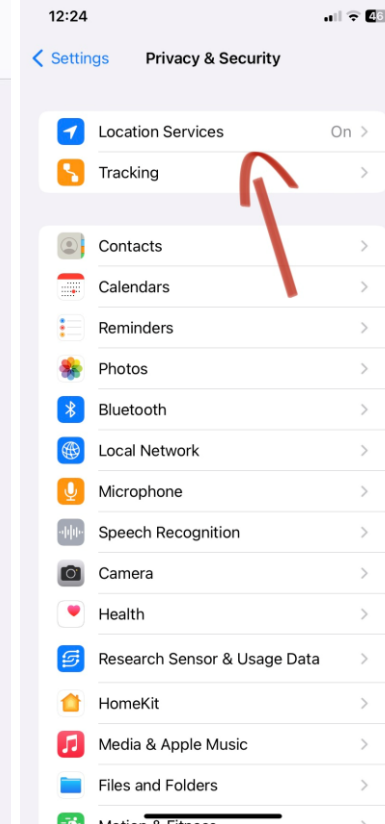
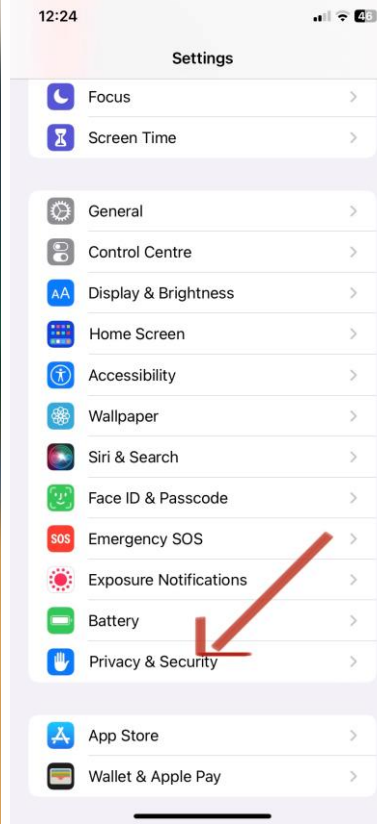
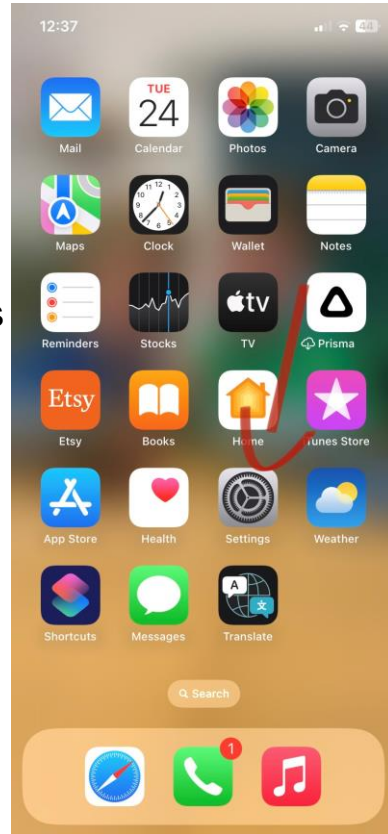
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Social Media Location Settings



To turn Location services on or off for your Apple device

1. Go to your devices settings app.
2. Scroll to Privacy and Security.
3. Select Location Services.
4. Scroll to your chosen social media app select desired level of access – **Never**, Ask next time or when I share or While using the app



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