

Apple released a new update to iOS 17 and it's one you may want to install today. The biggest thing is the new theft protection that should be turned on anyone's phone who goes anywhere there are large crowds of people. I'm explaining, showing how to install and turn it on, and why you should tell your kids.

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A NEW IPHONE FEATURE HELPS PROTECT YOUR PHONE FROM BEING STOLEN, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ON IT. I'M JAMEY TUCKER, IF YOU HAVE AN IPHONE, GRAB IT AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO TURN IT ON.

ANCHOR INTRO

THINK FOR A MOMENT WHAT A THIEF COULD GET IF THEY STEAL YOUR SMARTPHONE. IF THEY CAN UNLOCK IT, THEY'LL HAVE ACCESS TO CREDIT CARDS, CONTACTS, AND PERSONAL INFORMATION.

IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY. NOW APPLE HAS ADDED A FEATURE TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR A BAD GUY TO UNLOCK A STOLEN IPHONE. OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER EXPLAINS AND SHOWS HOW TO TURN IT ON.

PACKAGE SCRIPT

There've been multiple incidents where a thief peeks over someone's shoulder to see their iPhone passcode, then steals the phone, unlocks it, and then turns off "Find My" and changes the Apple ID password, locking out the original owner from their Apple account. The latest security update makes that harder to do.

iOS 17.3 includes Stolen Device Protection. With it turned on, a thief can't lock you out even if they have the passcode. Changing the passcode, adding another Face ID, or changing the Apple ID password requires a second Face or Touch ID if the phone is in an unfamiliar location. If they try to change those passwords, they'll have to wait an hour and then enter the stored Face ID a second time. That hour delay gives you time to locate the stolen phone using another Apple device. It also requires Face or Touch ID to use or even see credit cards or stored passwords.

It's a critically important update for when you're in a large crowd like a concert, ballgame, or a bar. Take your phone and look for a red '1' on the settings app or open settings and you'll be prompted to download the update. Once installed, open FaceID & Passcode in settings, scroll down to "Stolen Device Protection" and turn it on. Since it also includes other security updates, go ahead and install iOS 17.3. It's been in beta for some time and should be stable and safe. It's available for iPhone 10s, up to the iPhone 15. That's What the Tech? I'm Jamey Tucker

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THE NEW UPDATE ALSO ALLOWS MULTIPLE PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO APPLE PLAYLISTS, INCLUDES NEW WALLPAPERS TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND ADDS THE ABILITY TO STREAM CONTENT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR PHONE TO TV'S IN SOME HOTELS.

WEB STORY

An important security update is now available for most iPhones that prevents someone from stealing your device and locking you out of your Apple Account.

Apple released iOS 17.3 this week with "Stolen Device Protection" to address a setting that makes it easy for thieves to take over someone's Apple account.

Until now, if someone managed to get your passcode and your phone, they could turn off location settings, set up a new Face ID, change the Apple ID password, and even apply for an Apple credit card.

In recent months some iPhone users have reported that someone peeked over their shoulder as they entered their unlock passcode and then stole the phone when they weren't looking.

By the time the victim realized the phone had been stolen the thief changed passcodes, Face ID, email address, and Apple passwords just by having the 6-digit passcode. Think what someone could do with total control over your smartphone. They can open garage doors, turn off security systems, see saved passwords, and set up their own face as an alternate Face ID which would allow them to use your credit cards.

Stolen Device Protection will now require Face ID before those changes can be made. There's also a one-hour delay to change things like Face or Touch ID if the phone is in an unfamiliar location.

So if someone steals a phone and has the passcode, they will not be able to change those critical login credentials if the phone is somewhere other than the owner's home or work.

iOS 17.3 also includes updates to allow iPhone users to collaborate on Apple Music Playlists, lock screen wallpapers to honor Black History Month, and Apple Hotel support which will allow users to stream content directly from their phone to hotel room televisions (in select hotels).

In addition, the update improves crash detection and allows the iPhone owner to see complete coverage of AppleCare and Warranty for all of their devices logged into the same Apple ID.

To find the update look for a red “1” above the Settings icon. You can also open Settings and look for Software Update. If it’s available for your phone you’ll see a prompt to install it.

iOS 17.3 works on iPhone Xs and later.

I suggest installing the update when you are home and on WiFi as it may take several minutes to download and install.

For complete information on iOS 17.3 see Apple’s [support page](#)