

Apple has introduced the automated Always-On display feature for the iPhone 14 and 15 Pro/Pro Max. This feature allows you to keep your screen on for a desired time frame, showing important information such as the time, date, and notifications without having to touch your iPhone.



However, constantly having your screen on can also drain your battery quickly. So, in this article, I will guide you through the process of automating the iPhone's Always-On display using Focus modes and the Shortcuts app.

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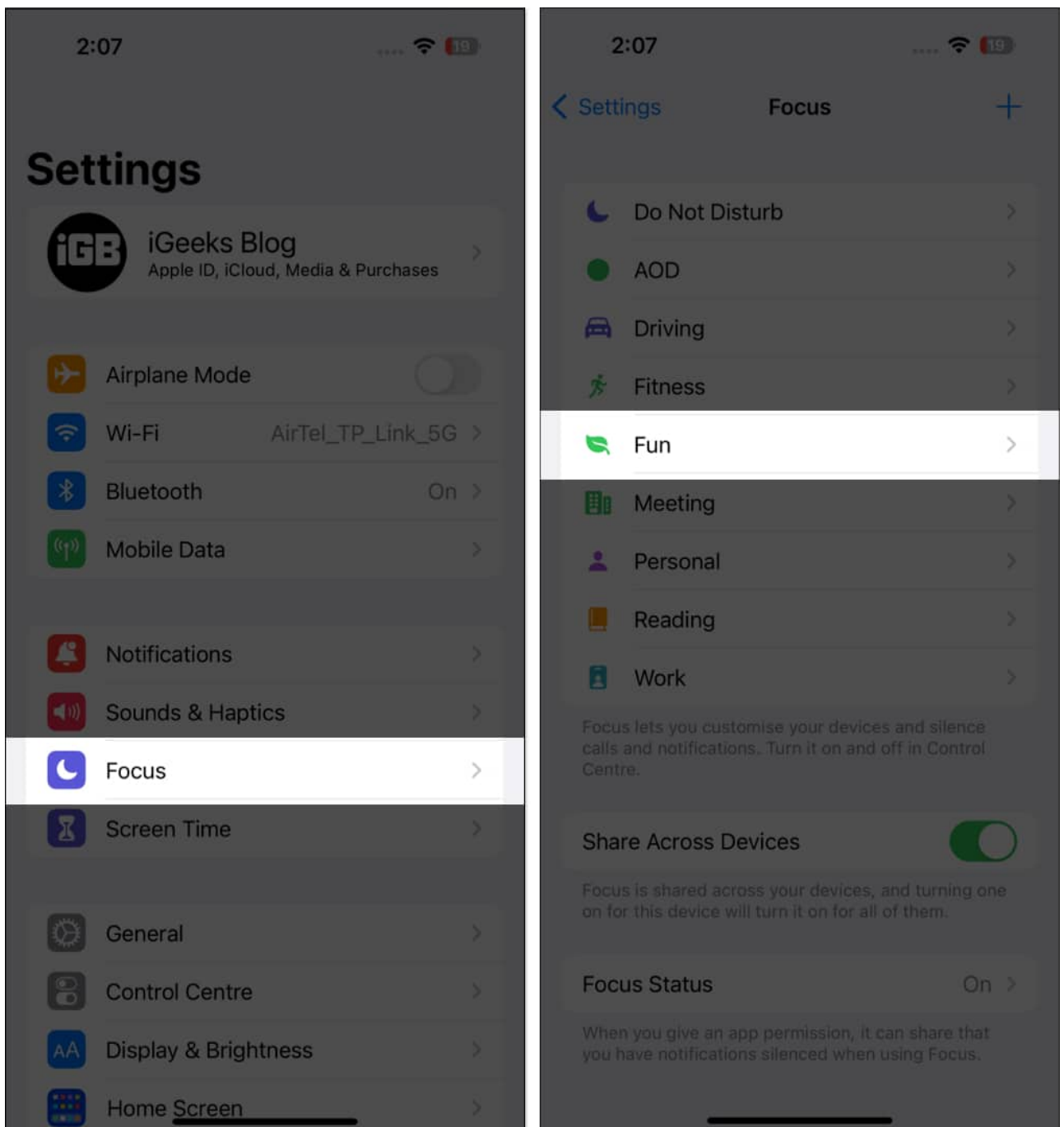
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How to automate iPhone always-on display with Focus

Filters

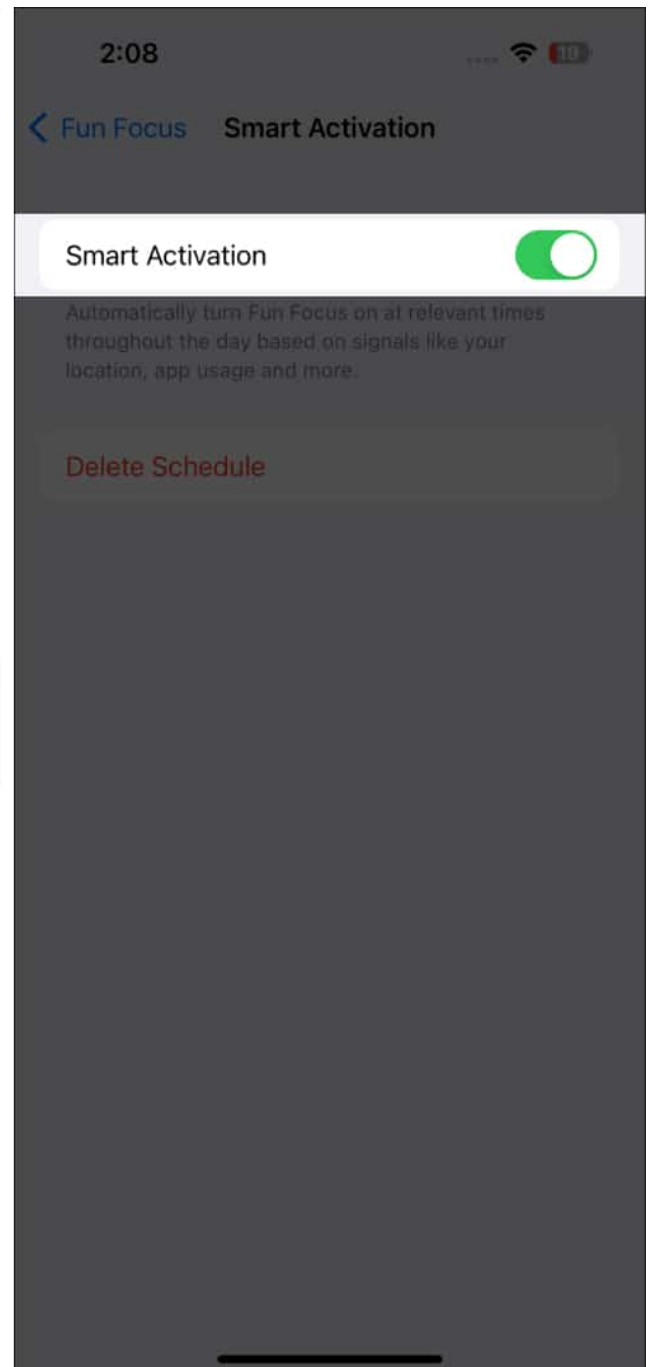
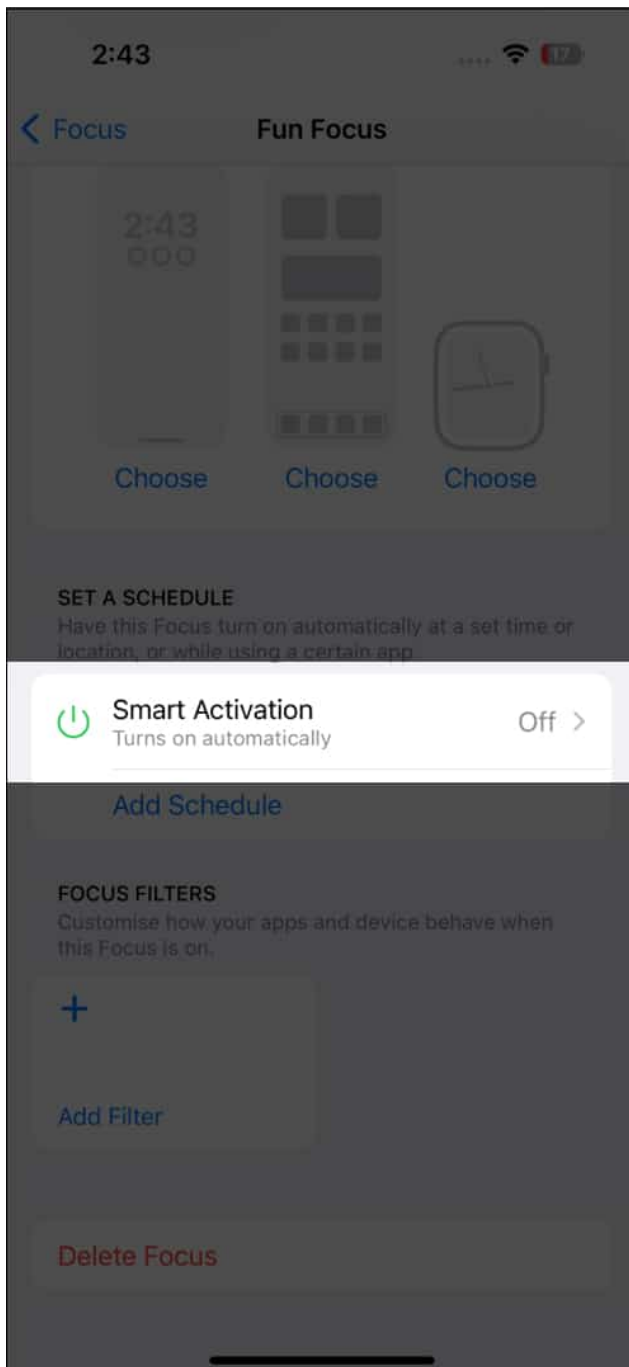
1. Launch the **Settings** app on iPhone 14 and 15 Pro/Pro Max → go to the **Focus** menu.
2. You can either select an **existing Focus** or tap the **(+)** icon from the top-right corner to create a new one.

I have demonstrated the process for an existing Focus mode.

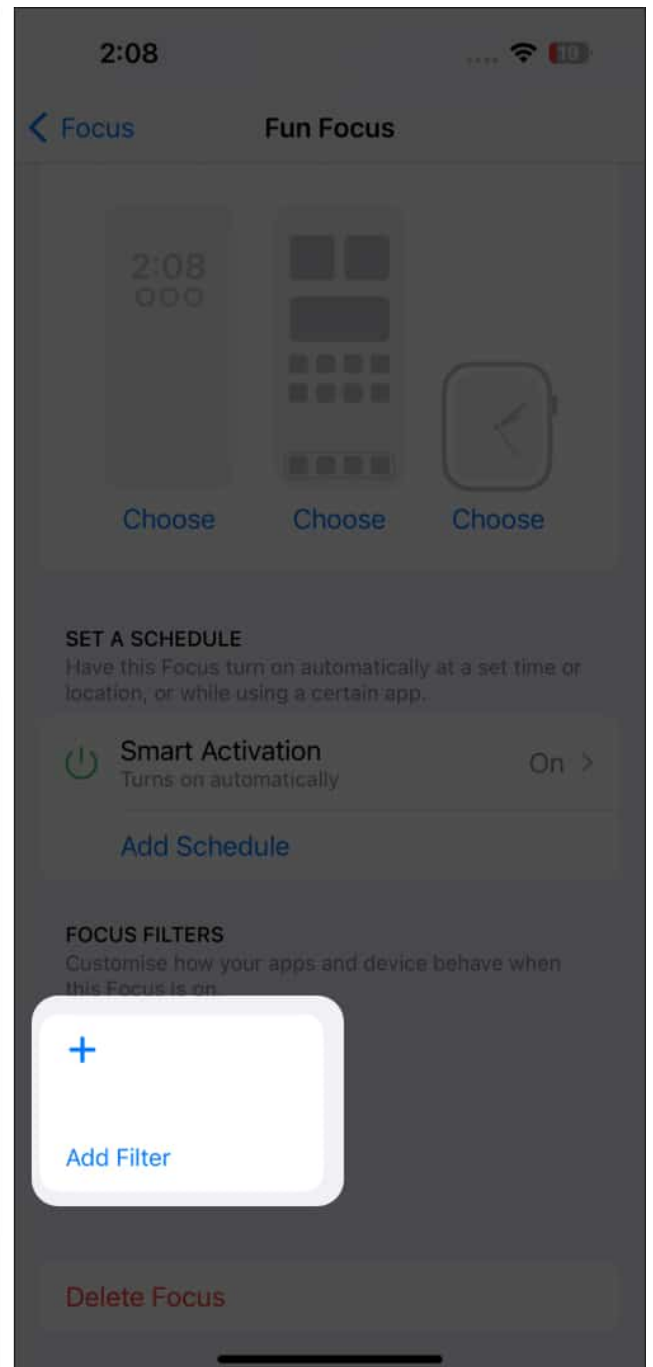
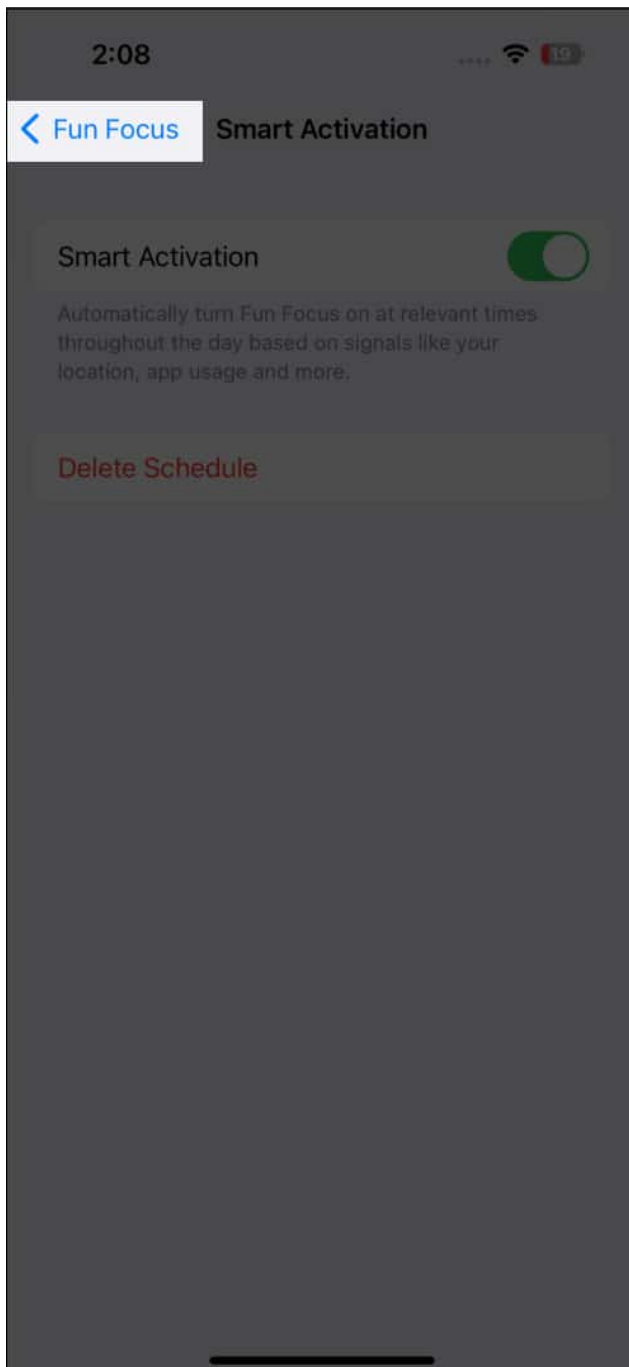


3. Navigate to **Smart Activation** under Set A Schedule → toggle on the **Smart Activation** feature.

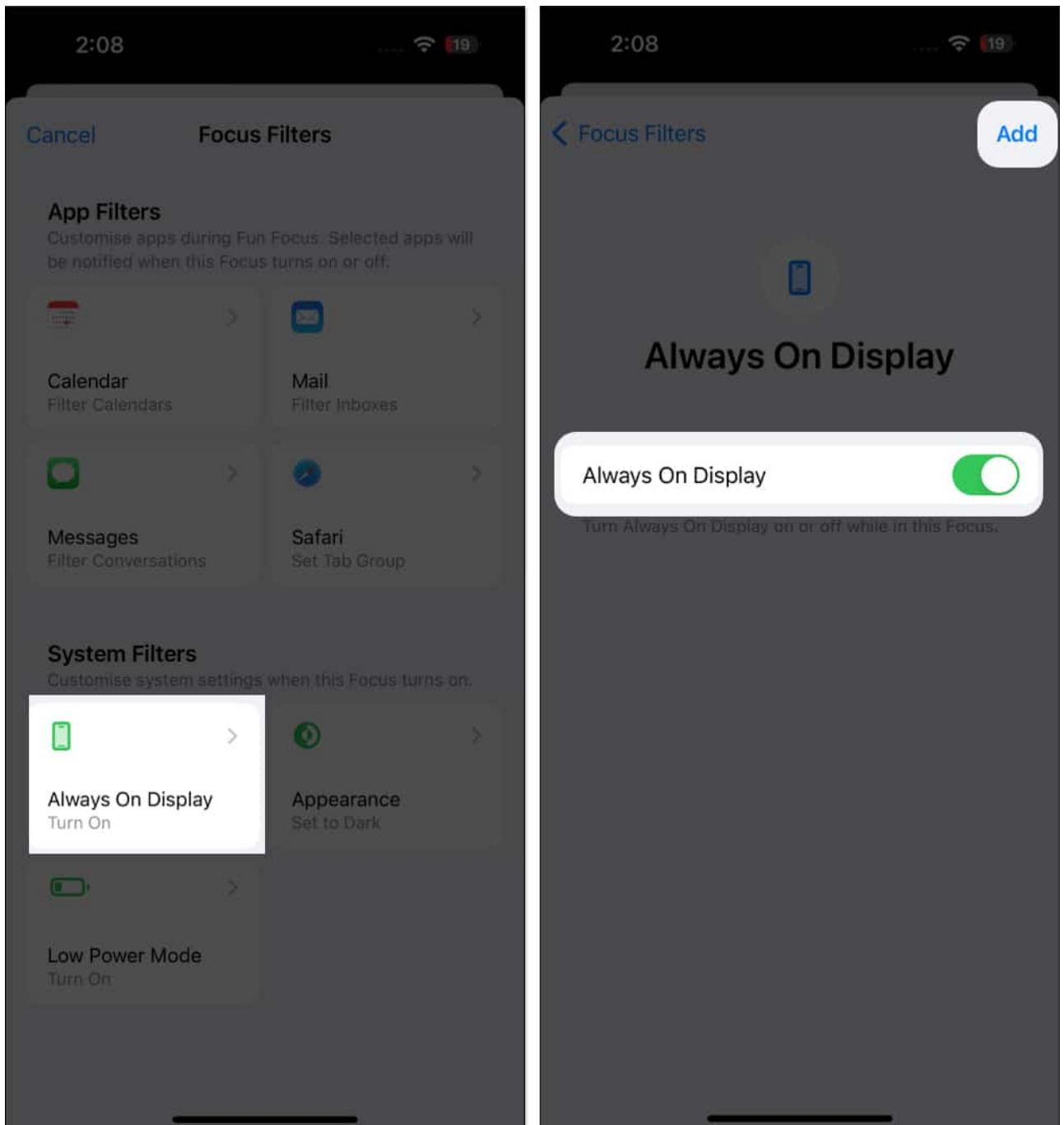
*If you don't find it or want to add a new schedule, you can do so by tapping **Add Schedule**.*



4. Now, go back to the previous menu → Select **Add Filter**.



5. Choose **Always On Display** under System Filters → toggle on **Always On Display**.
6. Tap **Add** at the top right.

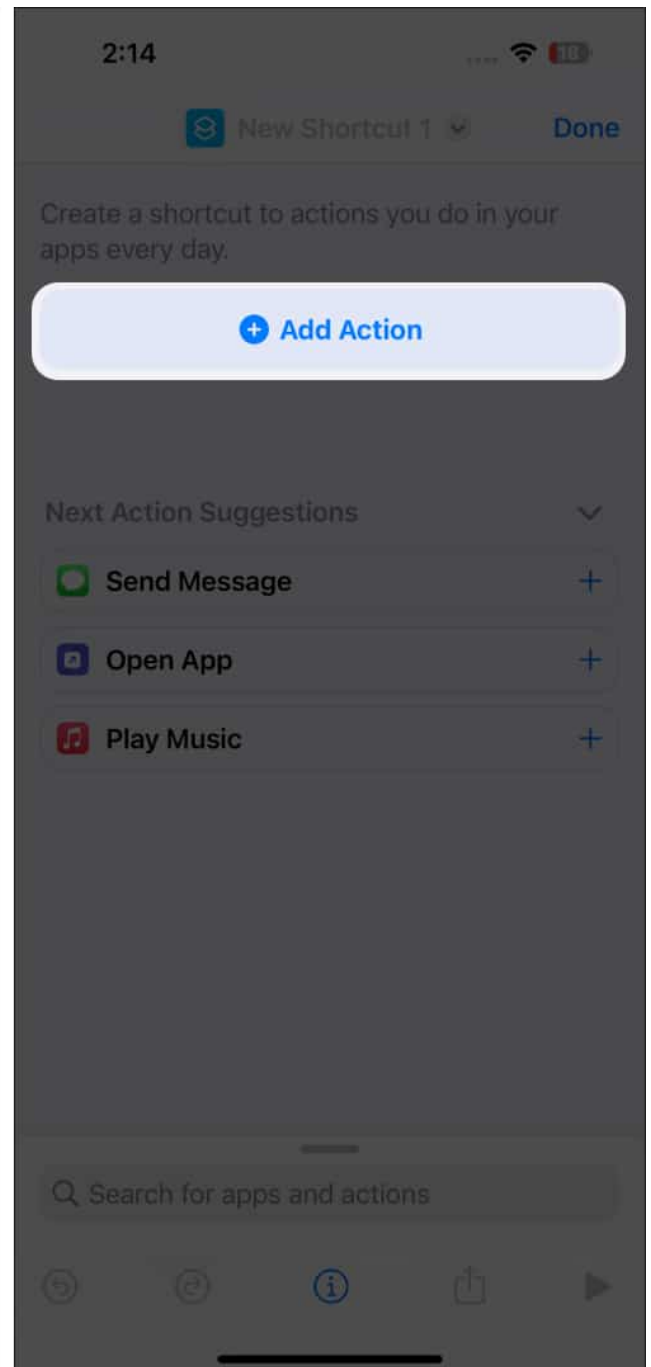
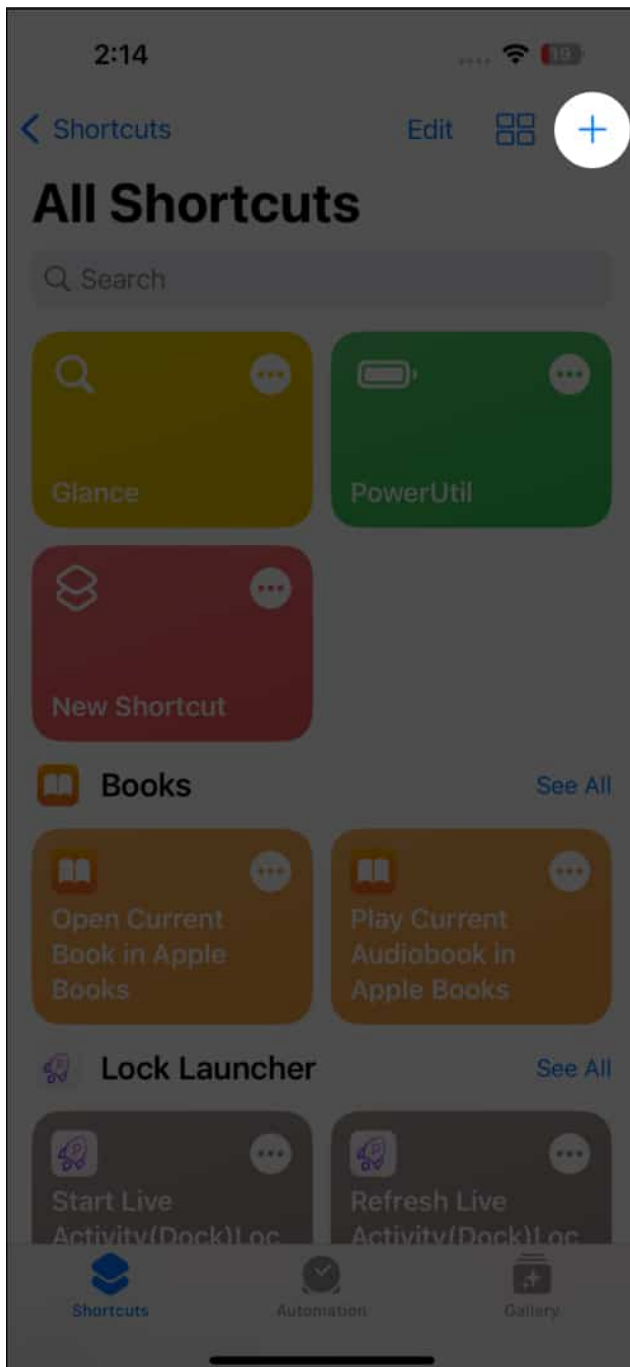


That's it! You have automated AOD for this particular Focus.

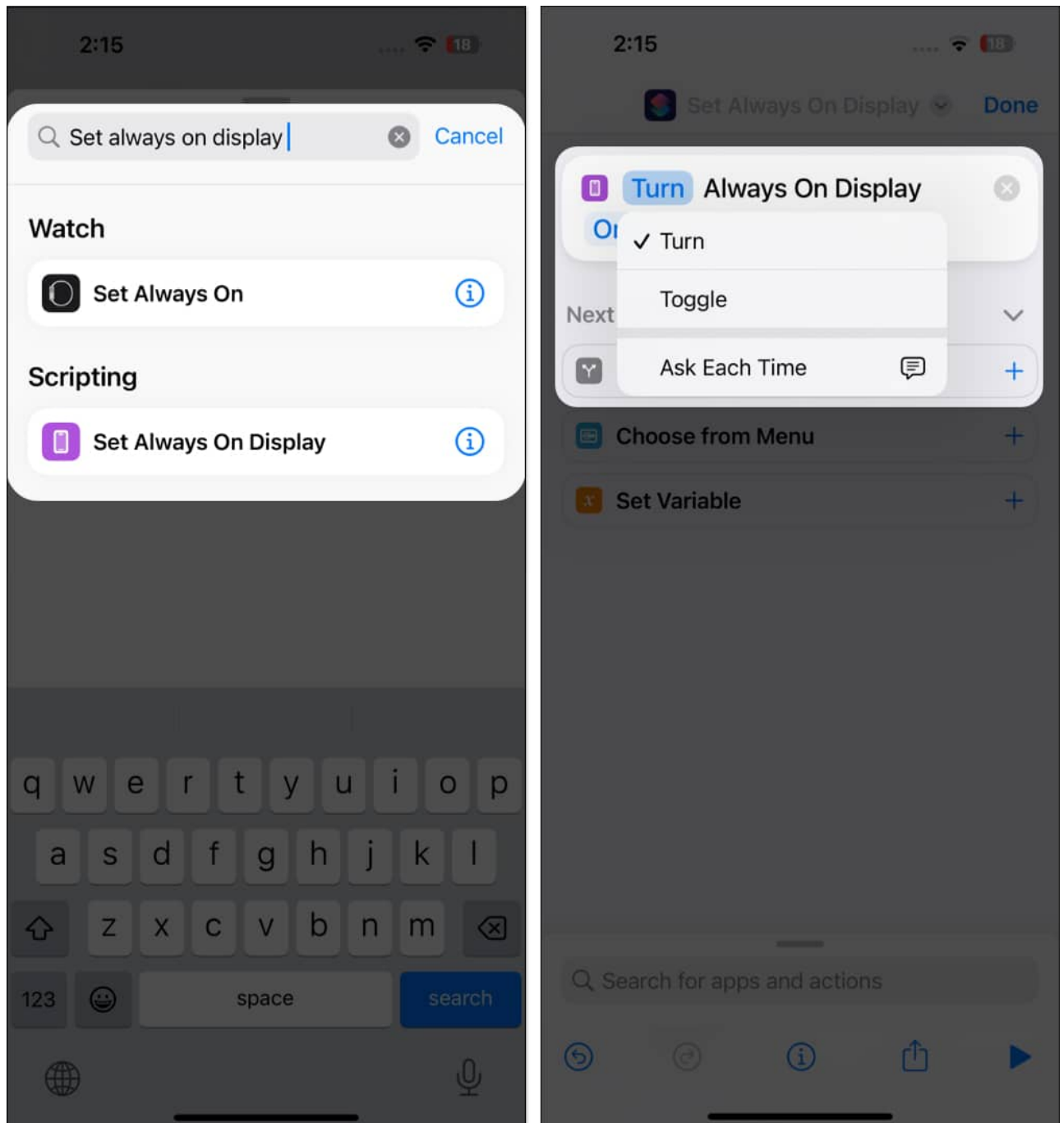
In addition to predesigned Focus options, you can create a custom Focus using the (+) icon in the Focus menu. Needless to repeat, the AOD feature will sync with the Focus mode associated with it.

Set up control of Always-On display in the Shortcuts app

1. Open the **Shortcuts** app.
2. Tap the **(+) icon** from the top-right corner of the screen.
3. Choose **Add Action**.



4. Search for **Set Always On Display** from the search bar and Select **Turn** or **On** to customize what will happen when you run the Shortcut.
5. Tap **Done** once the setup settings are finalized.



The automatic display-on feature is triggered as soon as you access the shortcut. Nonetheless, you can easily [turn off AOD on your iPhone 14/15 Pro](#) whenever you feel like it.

Troubleshooting common issues with AOD

Automating an AOD can provide a more convenient user experience but also present some common challenges.

- Automating the Always-On display can result in an increase in battery drain, as the display is constantly running.
- Sometimes, the Always-On display can become unresponsive and needs to be rebooted.
- Automating the Always-On display can expose bugs or glitches that can be difficult to fix.

If you face any such issues, here's our guide to [fixing Always-On display not working on iPhone](#).

Bottom line!

AOD is a great feature of the iPhone, but it can be a bit of a hassle, especially if you have a busy routine. Fortunately, automating the process gives you convenience only during preset hours.

I hope this article has been helpful. Feel free to let me know about your concerns below, and I'll address them as soon as possible.

FAQs

Can I automate the Always-On display feature on my iPhone?

You cannot automate the AOD for every iOS device. This feature is limited to the new iOS 16.4 update integrated with iPhone 14 Pro or later.

What is the Always On Display feature on the iPhone?

The AOD feature on the iPhone keeps your phone's screen constantly visible, even when it's locked or asleep. It allows you to check the time, see incoming notifications, and control media playback without having to unlock or wake your phone.

Read more:

- [What is Clean Energy Charging on iPhone](#)
- [How to change Safari search engine on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#)
- [How to Turn Off Display Zoom on iPhone](#)