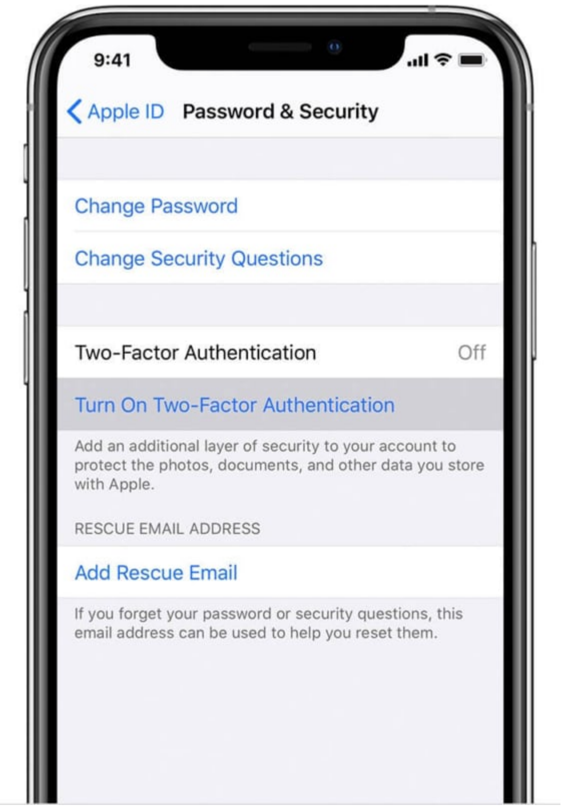
Your Apple ID is your key to accessing Apple services such as the App Store, Apple Music, iCloud, etc. Besides, it contains your contact, payment, and security information you use across these services. Therefore, you need to keep your Apple ID secure. Let's find out how you can secure Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, and Mac.

1. Use two-factor authentication

To make Apple ID more secure, enabling 2FA is a must. So, if someone else knows your password, it will ensure that only you can access your Apple ID. The verification code is requested when anyone logs in with their Apple ID and password on a new device. Also, you will get notifications on your trusted devices.

To secure Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, or Mac using 2FA, verify at least one trusted phone number to receive verification codes through text messages or automated phone calls. If you created your Apple ID on iOS 13.4, iPadOS 13.4, macOS 10.15.4, or later, two-factor authentication is enabled by default. Read our article on how to set up Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) for Apple ID to find out more.



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Apple ID Password & Security

Change Password

Change Security Questions

Two-Factor Authentication Off

Turn On Two-Factor Authentication

Add an additional layer of security to your account to protect the photos, documents, and other data you store with Apple.

RESCUE EMAIL ADDRESS

Add Rescue Email

If you forget your password or security questions, this email address can be used to help you reset them.

2. Keep your Apple ID password and OTP private

You may already know sharing passwords and OTP must be avoided at all costs. For safeguarding your Apple ID and all sensitive data, Apple mandates the use of a secure password with eight or more characters, including upper- and lowercase letters and at least one number. Remember, Apple never asks for your account's security details.

However, when you approach Apple Support by chat, phone, or email, the agent may request to validate your Apple ID. Also, when you are logging in with your Apple ID, don't expose your password, verification codes, and other account security information. Personally, I suggest not using your Apple ID password for other online accounts.

3. Don't share your Apple ID

I know sharing is caring, but it's a complete no-no when it comes to online security. Allow no one, not even family members, to use your Apple ID. By doing this, you are providing someone else access to your account with personal material. So, if anyone else has created your account, change the password to keep your Apple ID secure. Learn how to reset your

Apple ID password.

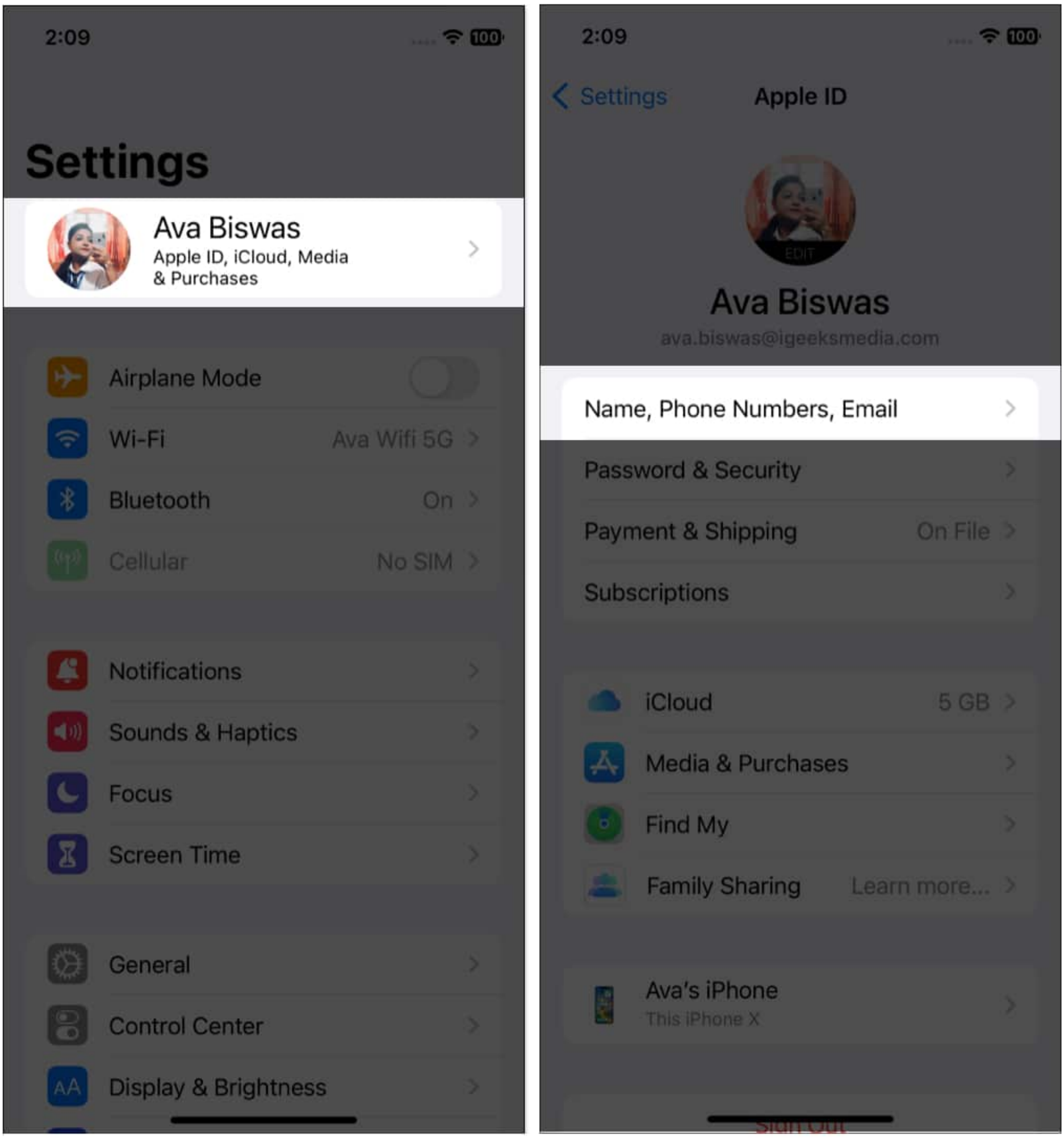
As an alternative, you may set up Family Sharing to share purchases made from the App Store, subscriptions, a family calendar, Apple Books, etc. Besides, iCloud Photo Sharing is a great option for having shared albums.

4. Keep your account information up to date

Always check your inbox for any Apple ID-related messages. When your account got any changes, like signing in on a new device or resetting your password, Apple alerts you through email, text messages, or push notifications. Unknown sign-in attempt alerts indicate that someone has accessed or is attempting to access your account that you did not authorize.

If it’s you, authorize the verification or change your password immediately. For this reason, it’s critical to maintain your contact information up to date. Also, I suggest changing your Apple ID password if you created it long ago.

1. *On your iPhone or iPad:* Tap **Settings → your name → Name, Phone Numbers, Email**.



On your Mac with macOS 13 or later: Click **Apple menu → System Settings → Apple ID**. Or you may visit your Apple ID account page from Safari.

2. Update any incorrect information like your name, contact information, phone numbers, email addresses, payment information, and shipping details. You may also [update Apple ID security questions]() after a few days.
3. Tap **Sign-In & Security** to review your trusted phone number and devices if two-

factor authentication is enabled. Also, check the apps that have access to your Apple ID. You may remove any from the list.

5. Add Account Recovery and Legacy Contacts

Apple suggests adding recovery contacts to assist you in resetting your Apple ID password. Recovery contacts will help regain access to your account if you forget your password or are locked out. Here is our detailed guide to learning how to set a recovery contact for Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, and Mac**.**

On the other hand, you may select individuals as Legacy Contacts in the Digital Legacy program. So they can access your Apple ID account in the case of your death. Read Apple Digital Legacy: What is it and how to use it**.**

6. Generate a recovery key for your account

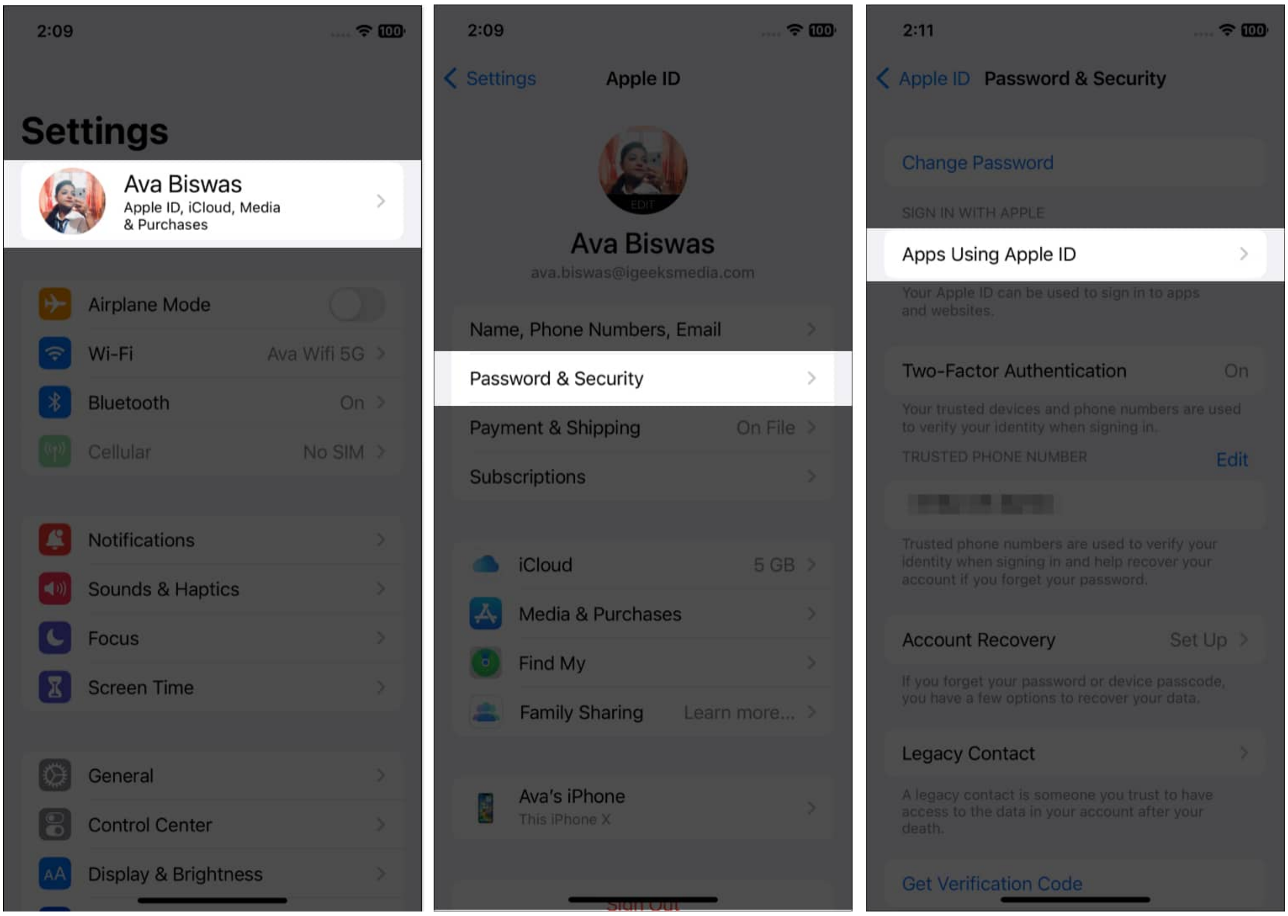
Apple lets you create a recovery key to reset your account password or restore access to your Apple ID. Therefore, you can have more control over your account security. A recovery key is a 28-character code produced randomly and kept in a secure location. So, rather than having another device logged in with your Apple ID, use the recovery key to reset your account password.

You may also want to know what are passkeys and how to use them on iPhone, iPad, and Mac**.**

7. Manage apps and devices linked with your Apple ID

To make your Apple ID more secure, delete any unrecognized devices associated with your Apple ID. Removing an unknown device ensures that it won't be able to get verification codes or access iCloud and other Apple services. So, review apps associated with your Apple ID:

1. Launch **Settings → Apple ID.**
2. Select **Sign-In & Security** or **Password & Security,** depending on your iOS version.
3. Go to **Apps Using Apple ID**.



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Settings

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Apple ID, iCloud, Media & Purchases

Airplane Mode

Wi-Fi Ava Wifi 5G

Bluetooth On

Cellular No SIM

Notifications

Sounds & Haptics

Focus

Screen Time

General

Control Center

Display & Brightness

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Settings Apple ID

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Name, Phone Numbers, Email

Password & Security

Payment & Shipping On File

Subscriptions

iCloud 5 GB

Media & Purchases

Find My

Family Sharing Learn more...

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Sign Out

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Apple ID Password & Security

Change Password

SIGN IN WITH APPLE

Apps Using Apple ID

Your Apple ID can be used to sign in to apps and websites.

Two-Factor Authentication On

Your trusted devices and phone numbers are used to verify your identity when signing in.

TRUSTED PHONE NUMBER Edit

[redacted]

Trusted phone numbers are used to verify your identity when signing in and help recover your account if you forget your password.

Account Recovery Set Up

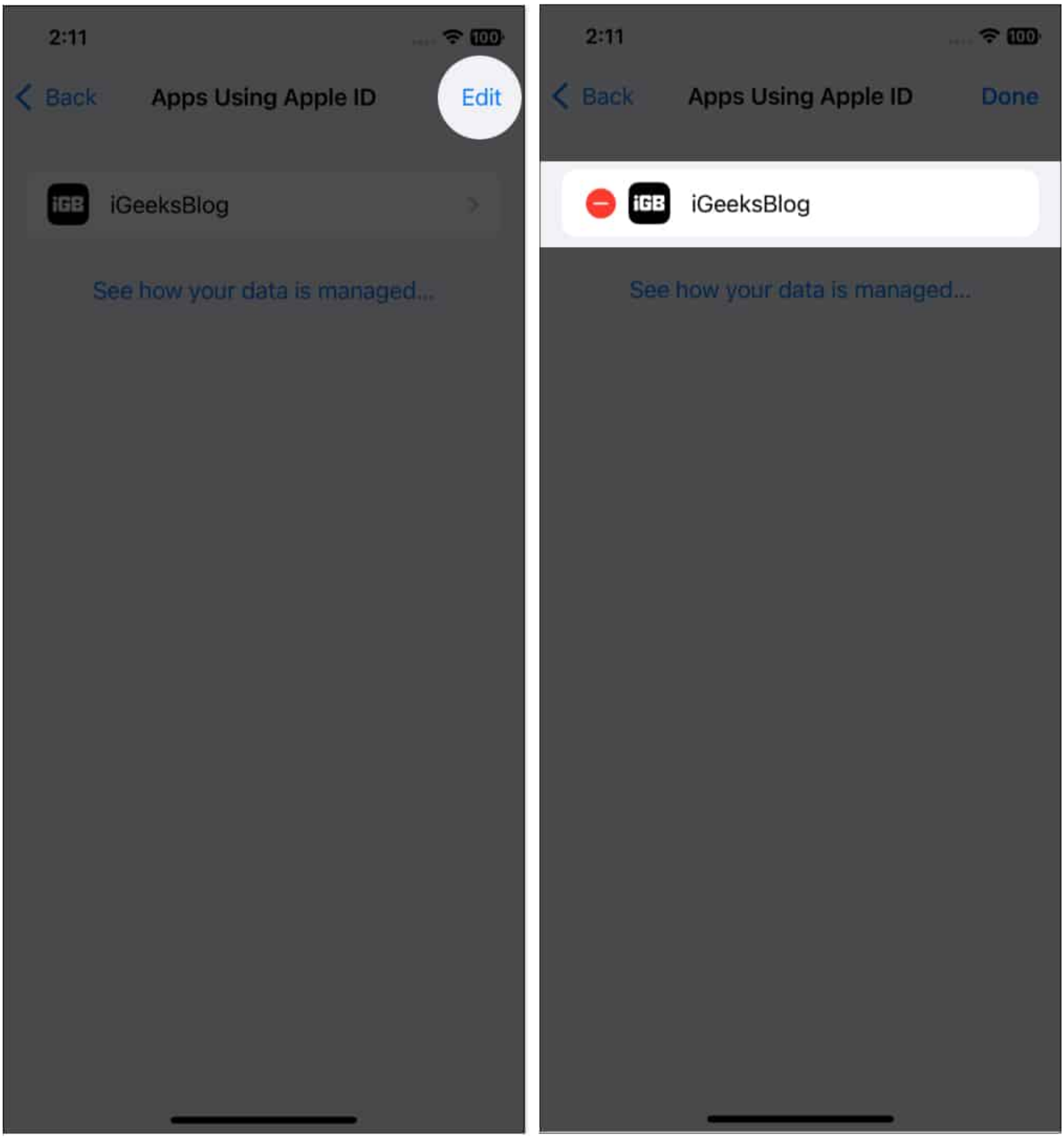
If you forget your password or device passcode, you have a few options to recover your data.

Legacy Contact

A legacy contact is someone you trust to have access to the data in your account after your death.

Get Verification Code

4. Now you will get a list of apps. Tap **Edit**, which will show red minus signs apps.
5. Choose the one you want to unlink and tap **Delete**.

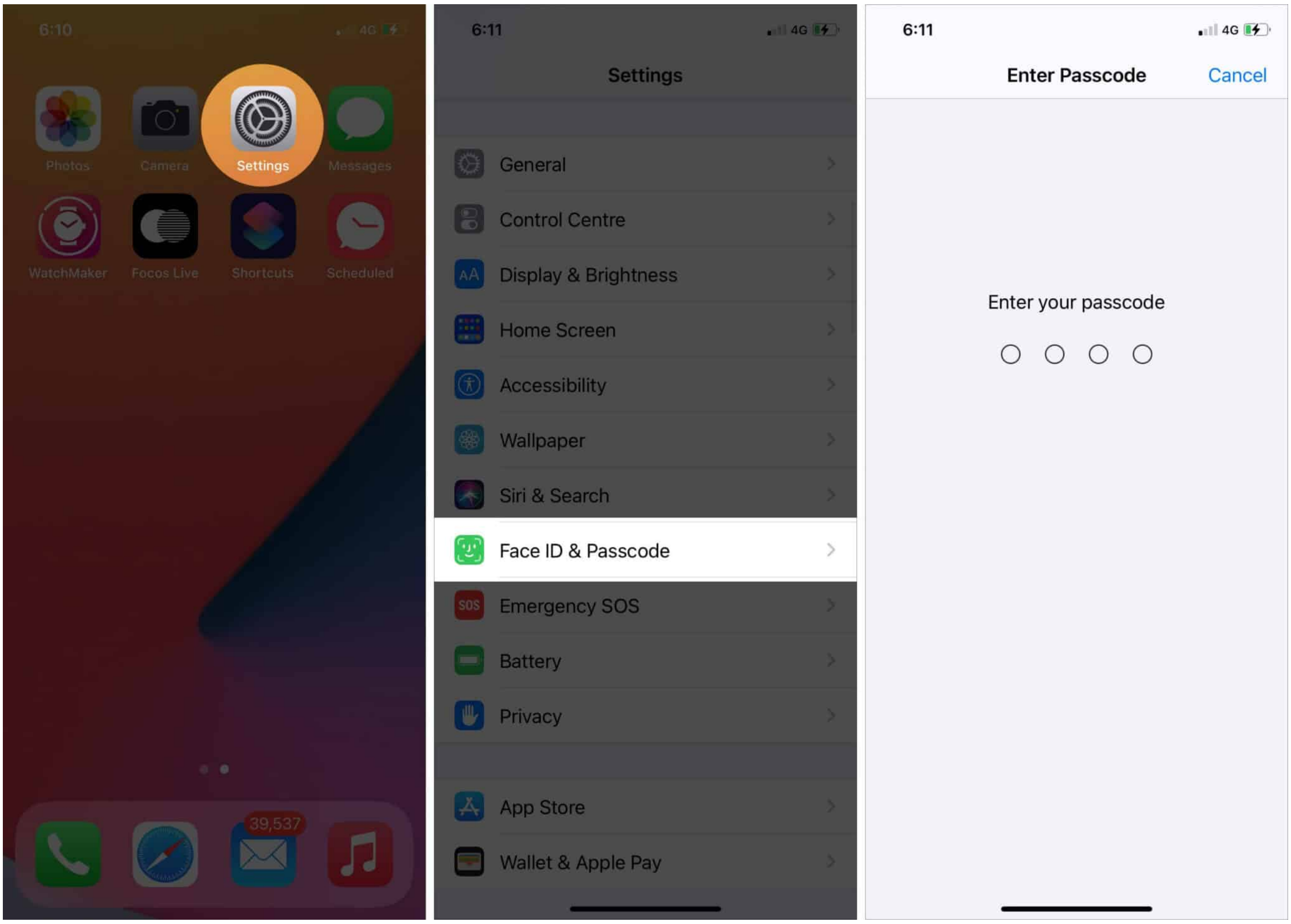


6. Then confirm your choice by selecting **Stop Using** from the pop-up.

8. Set a passcode on all your Apple devices

If you have multiple devices linked with your Apple ID, use Face ID or Touch ID together with a device passcode or password. You may secure your iPad with a passcode or a login password on a Mac to help safeguard your on-device data. Also, use Face ID for accessing Apple Pay and other apps, and validate Password AutoFill, etc.

For that, go to **Settings → Face ID & Passcode** on your iPhone and customize the settings for more security.

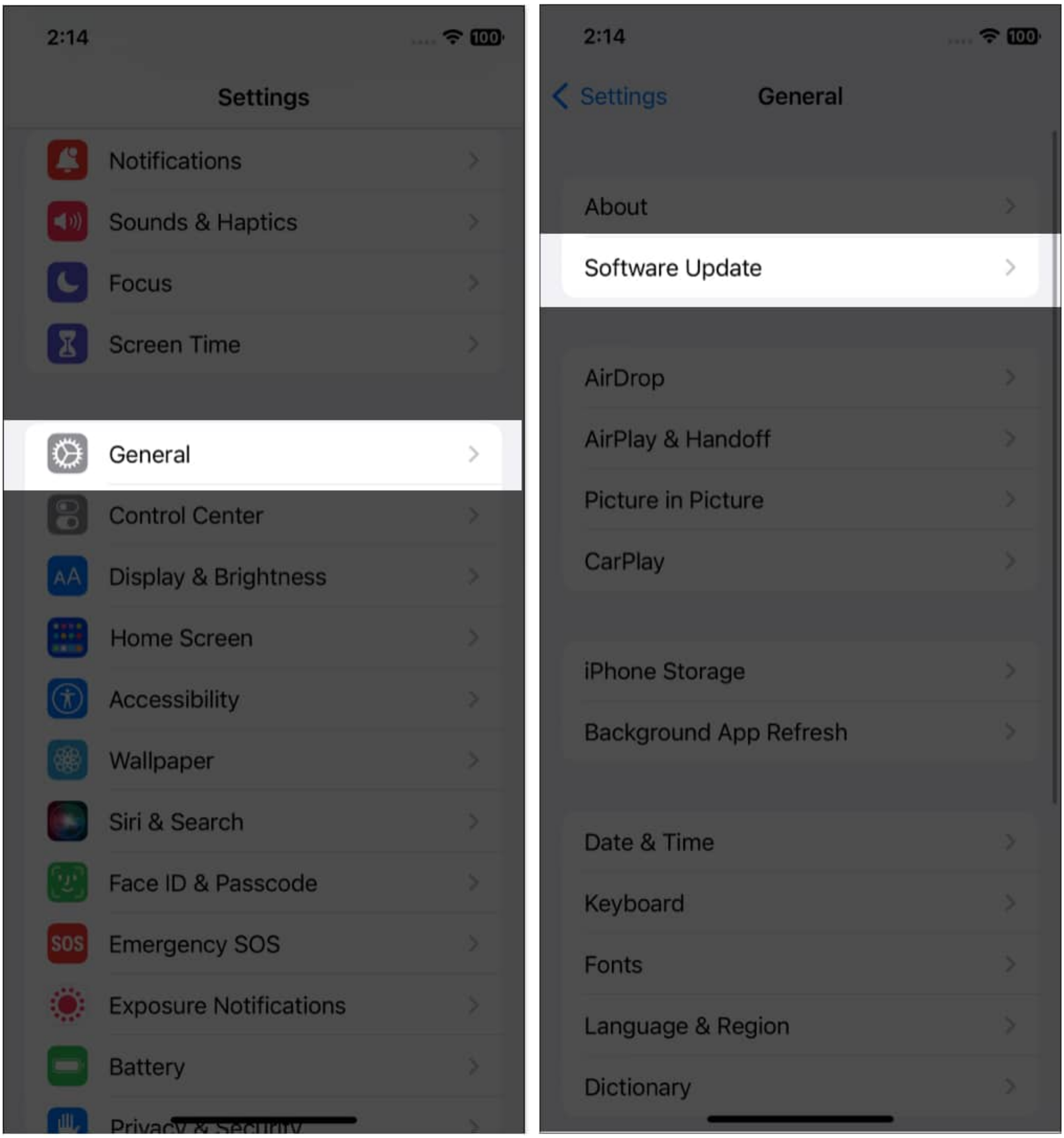


You can refer to our article to learn how to set an alphanumeric passcode on iPhone or iPad.

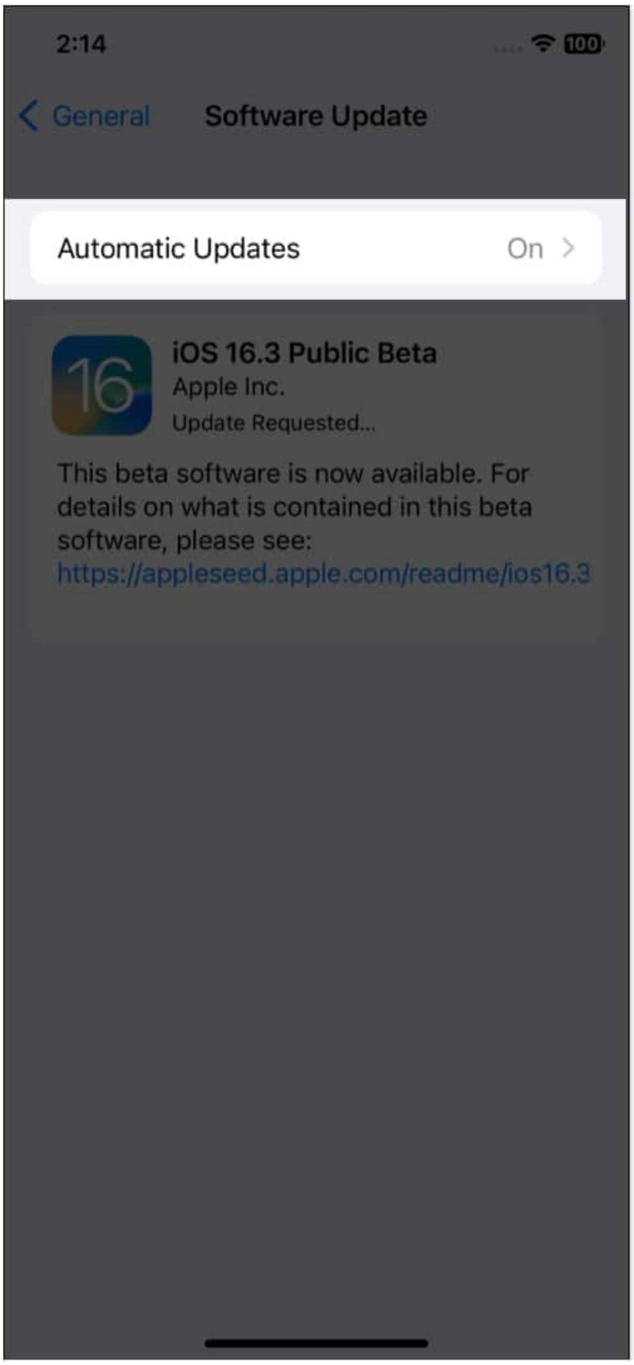
9. Regularly update software

Apple launches regular software updates to implement bug fixes, new features, and important security patches. Whenever an iOS, watchOS, iPadOS, macOS, or tvOS update is available, be sure you update your device. You may turn it on by following these steps:

1. Go to **Settings** and tap **General**.
2. Now choose **Software Update**.



3. Finally, tap **Automatic Updates** and toggle on **Download iOS Updates**, **Install iOS Updates**, and **Security Responses & System Files**.



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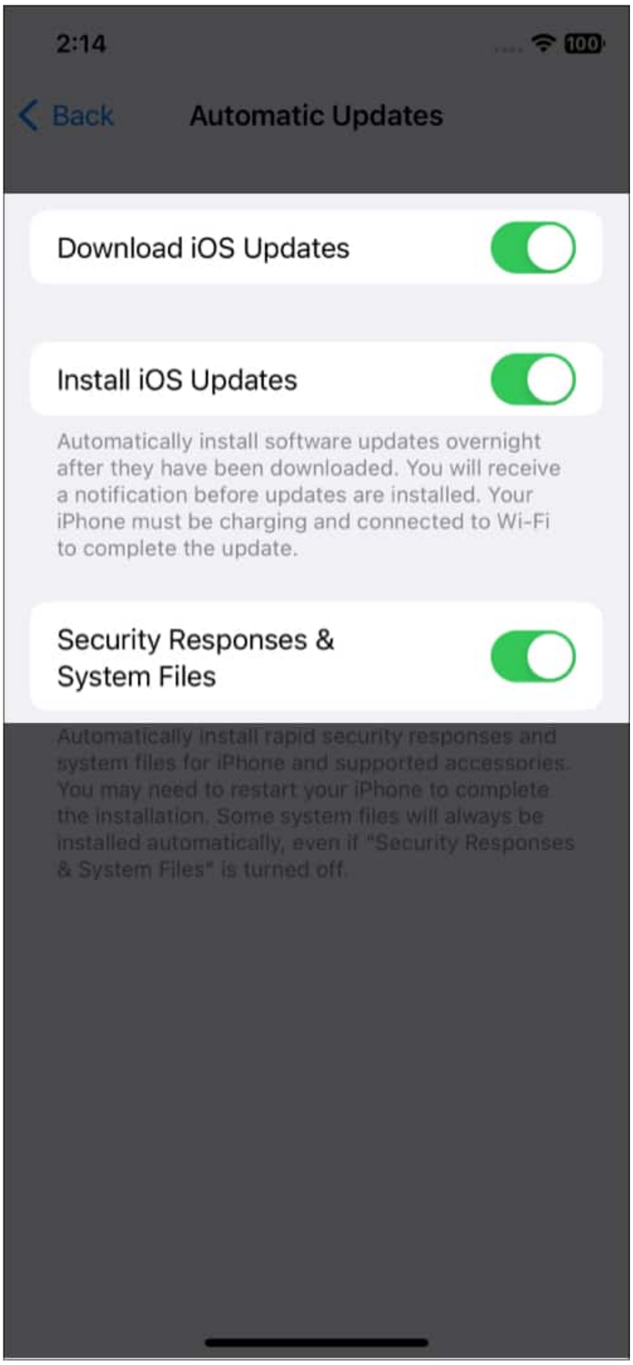
General — Software Update

Automatic Updates — On

iOS 16.3 Public Beta
Apple Inc.
Update Requested...

This beta software is now available. For details on what is contained in this beta software, please see: https://appleseed.apple.com/readme/ios16.3



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Back — Automatic Updates

Download iOS Updates: On

Install iOS Updates: On

Automatically install software updates overnight after they have been downloaded. You will receive a notification before updates are installed. Your iPhone must be charging and connected to Wi-Fi to complete the update.

Security Responses & System Files: On

Automatically install rapid security responses and system files for iPhone and supported accessories. You may need to restart your iPhone to complete the installation. Some system files will always be installed automatically, even if "Security Responses & System Files" is turned off.

Also, update the apps you use, especially those linked with your Apple ID. If you are facing issues, read our troubleshooting guide: Can’t update apps on iPhone or iPad in iOS 16? How to fix it.

10. Sell or pass on your old device carefully

If you are giving away your used Apple devices, remember to take some security measures. We have made a complete round-up on what to do before selling your old iPhone. So, the new owner can not access your personal data.

11. Be aware of scams and report them to Apple

At times, you may get a message, email, call, or other interaction from someone impersonating Apple. They might request your personal information or urge you to tap a link and update your details. Besides, through a popup alert like the iOS Apple ID password box, certain websites and applications may attempt to con you.

So, be alerted and get rid of such fake Apple security alerts on your iPhone. Take a screenshot and submit it to Apple at reportphishing@apple.com if you believe it to be suspicious. Know more about how to identify and report Phishing emails and other scams to Apple.

Don’t let hackers fool you!

I hope my suggestions will aid to secure Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, and Mac and prevent hackers from accessing your info. Also, while creating new accounts online, check if the website is secure. I use the best security apps for iPhones and iPads to keep everything in place. Finally, it’s wise to regularly evaluate your account security using the Safety Check in iOS 16. Got more questions? Let me know in the comments, and I’ll be sure to respond ASAP.

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- 16 Tips to Make Your iPhone Safe and Secure
- How to to recover deleted files from emptied trash on Mac