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Sharing your live location on iMessage helps you to inform your friends and family about your whereabouts. However, it uses Apple Maps by default.



So, if you want to share your location with non-Apple friends, Google Maps is your go-to choice. Here, I'll show you how to share your location in iMessage using Google Maps on your iPhone.

- <u>Requirements to share location via Google Maps in iMessage on iPhone</u>
- How to share current location on iMessage using Google Maps on iPhone
- How to share live location in iMessage using Google Maps on iPhone

# **Requirements to share location via Google Maps in iMessage on iPhone**

Before you share your location in iMessage with Google Maps, you'll need to download Google Maps from the App Store. Then, tweak a few settings to set up the process. Let's start:

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#### Add Google Maps to iMessage

- 1. Open **Settings**  $\rightarrow$  Navigate to **Messages**.
- 2. Select **iMessage Apps**  $\rightarrow$  Toggle on **Google Maps**.



#### **Enabling location services for Google Maps**

Once you enable Google Maps in iMessage, you must grant location access to the app on your iPhone. Follow the instructions below to enable location services for Google Maps:

- 1. Open the **Settings** app on your iPhone.
- 2. Navigate to **Privacy & Security**  $\rightarrow$  **Location Services**.



3. Select **Google Maps** from the list  $\rightarrow$  Choose **Always**.

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Doing this will allow Google Maps to update your location information in the background without needing you to open the app. Moreover, you may enable the Precise Location toggle to send your accurate location. Once you're ready with everything, you can quickly share your current location on iMessage using Google Maps.

## How to share current location in iMessage using Google Maps on iPhone

- 1. Open the **Messages** app  $\rightarrow$  Select the **chat** where you want to share your location.
- 2. Tap the **plus (+) icon** beside the text box  $\rightarrow$  Select **More**  $\rightarrow$  **Google Maps**.

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- 3. Select Send your current location.
- 4. Tap the **Send button** to send your location.

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# How to share live location in iMessage using Google Maps on iPhone

If you want to let others know your every-minute details, sharing your live location on

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iMessage is perfect. If you don't know how, follow these simple instructions:

- 1. Open the **Messages** app  $\rightarrow$  Tap the **plus (+) button** next to the message box.
- 2. Select **More**  $\rightarrow$  **Google Maps**.

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- 3. Choose the **Share your real-time location for 1 hour** option.
- 4. Tap the **send button** once the map loads in the message box.

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5. Now, open **Google Maps**.



- 6. Wait for 10-15 seconds until your location loads.
- 7. Open the **Messages** app again. The map will start sharing your location, and you can see the **Stop** button.

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You can also change the duration of the live location if you want. Follow these steps if you don't know how to do so:

1. Tap the **live location message** in the Messages app. *A Google Maps pop-up will appear.* 

- 2. Now, open the **Google Maps** app.
- 3. Tap the **duration** under the "People with this link can see your location" text.
- 4. Adjust the duration using the **plus (+)** or **minus (-)** buttons.
- 5. Tap **Save** to make the changes.



Wait for the map to refresh in the iMessage conversation, and the duration of your live location will update as you set previously.

# FAQ

#### Can I share my current location in Messages through the Google Maps app?

Yes, you can share your location in Google Maps on your iPhone. To send it, open Google Maps  $\rightarrow$  tap blue dot  $\rightarrow$  Share location  $\rightarrow$  More options  $\rightarrow$  choose Messages  $\rightarrow$  select the contact  $\rightarrow$  Send.

#### Wrapping up...

Google Maps is an excellent alternative to Apple Maps on iPhones since it offers several unique features. I hope you learned how to send your location in iMessage with Google Maps.

If you've got any further suggestions or queries regarding this guide, please leave them in the comments below.

#### **Read more:**

- How to share live location using Apple Maps on iPhone, iPad, and Mac
- How to share live location in iMessage on iPhone, iPad, and Mac
- How to share your location from Apple Watch in 2 different ways
- How to fix Share my location is unavailable on iPhone