

Does iMessage keep crashing or freezing on your iPhone or iPad? This might be due to bugs or glitches because of the latest iOS 17 update or malware.



We all love iMessage, especially its cool features like Bubble effects and Screen effects. So it's pretty inconvenient when the Messaging app crashes repeatedly. Don't worry; I have listed a few fixes to help resolve the issue. Scroll down to learn more.

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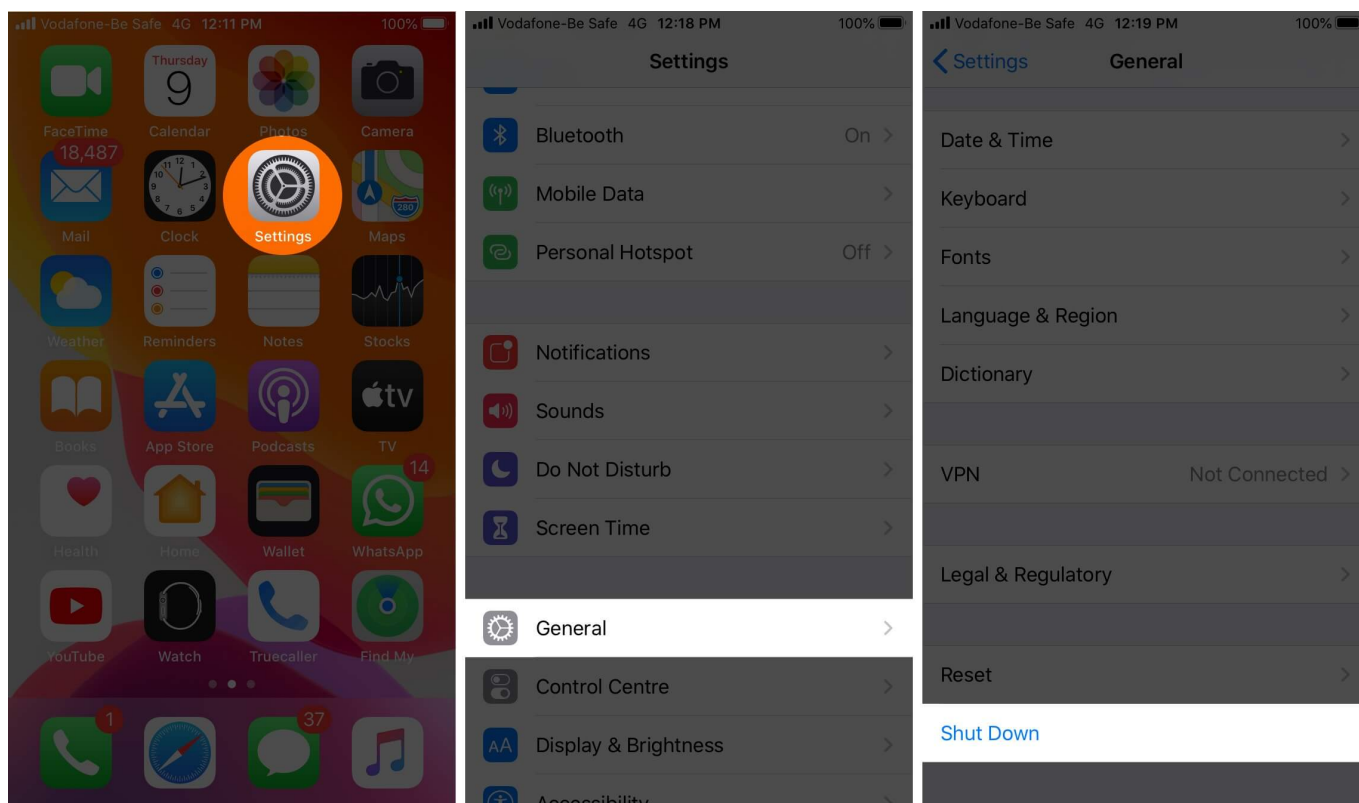
1. Force quit Messages app on iPhone

- **On iPhone with no Home Button:** Swipe up from the bottom of the screen and hold
- **On iPhone with Home Button:** Double press the Home Button

Now, drag the Messages app card up and dismiss it to force quit it. After a few seconds, reopen the app. The Messages app will no longer crash or freeze. If it does, please keep reading.

2. Restart your iPhone

You can use the buttons as you normally do to turn off your iPhone. You may also open the **Settings** app, tap **General**, and then tap **Shut Down**.

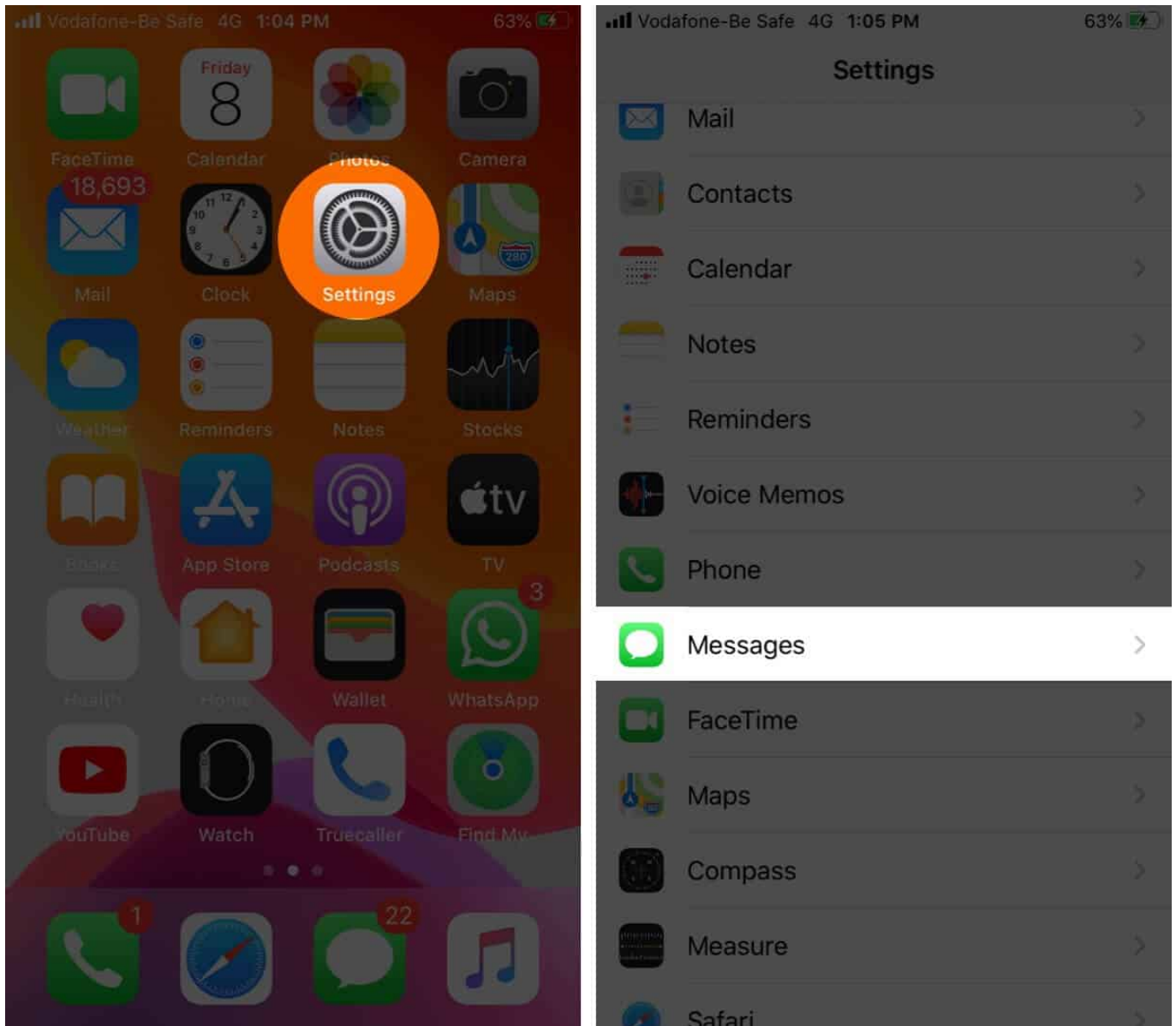


After a minute, switch on your iPhone. The Messages app problem will be successfully solved.

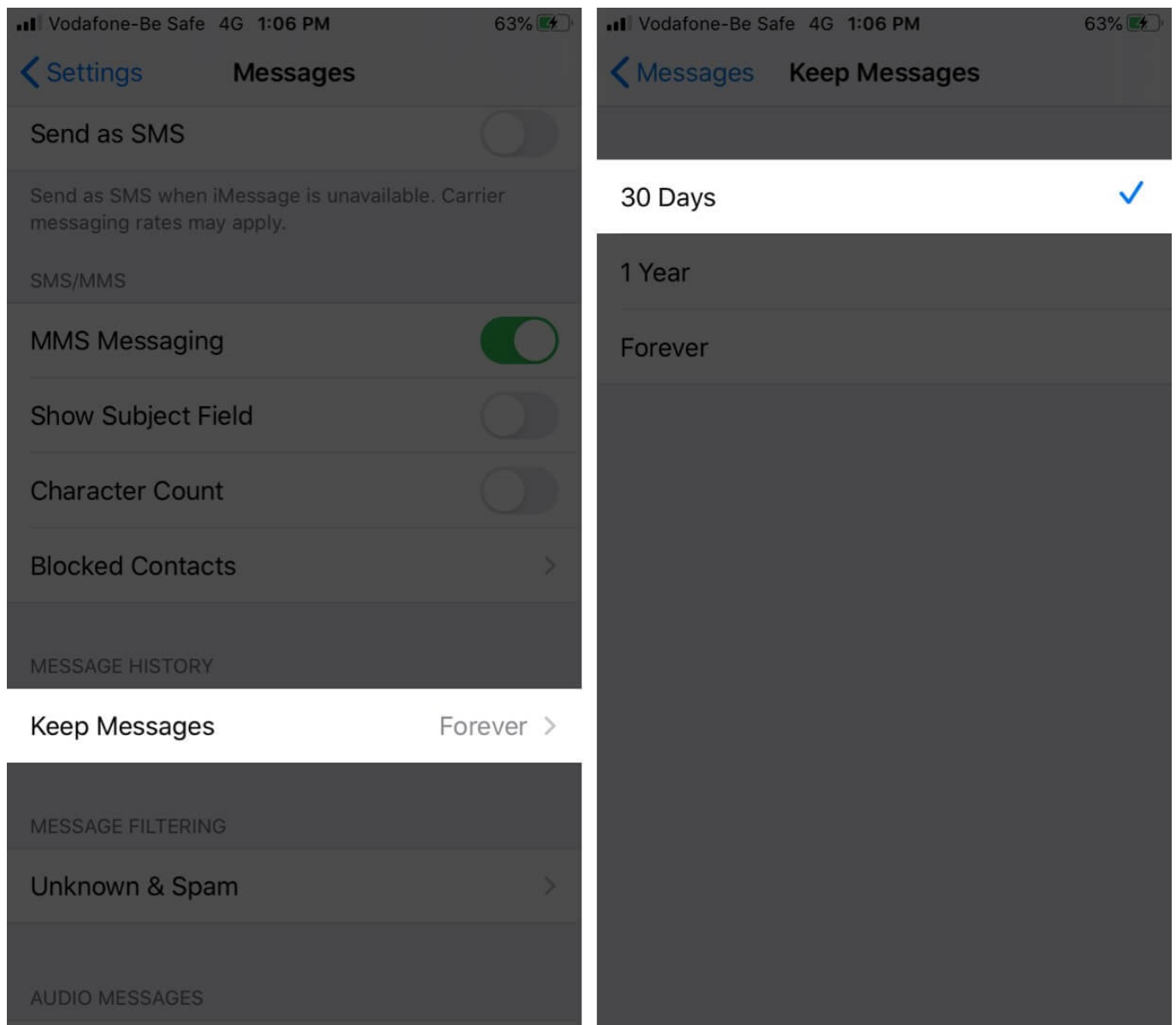
3. Delete Messages automatically on iPhone

If there are dozens or hundreds of conversations in your Messages app, then deleting some of them might help. You can open the app and manually choose and [delete old conversations](#) you no longer need.

Another way is to enable auto-deleting of messages after 30 days or 1 year. For this, Open the **Settings** app on your iPhone → Tap on **Messages**.



Next, tap **Keep Messages** and choose an option other than Forever.

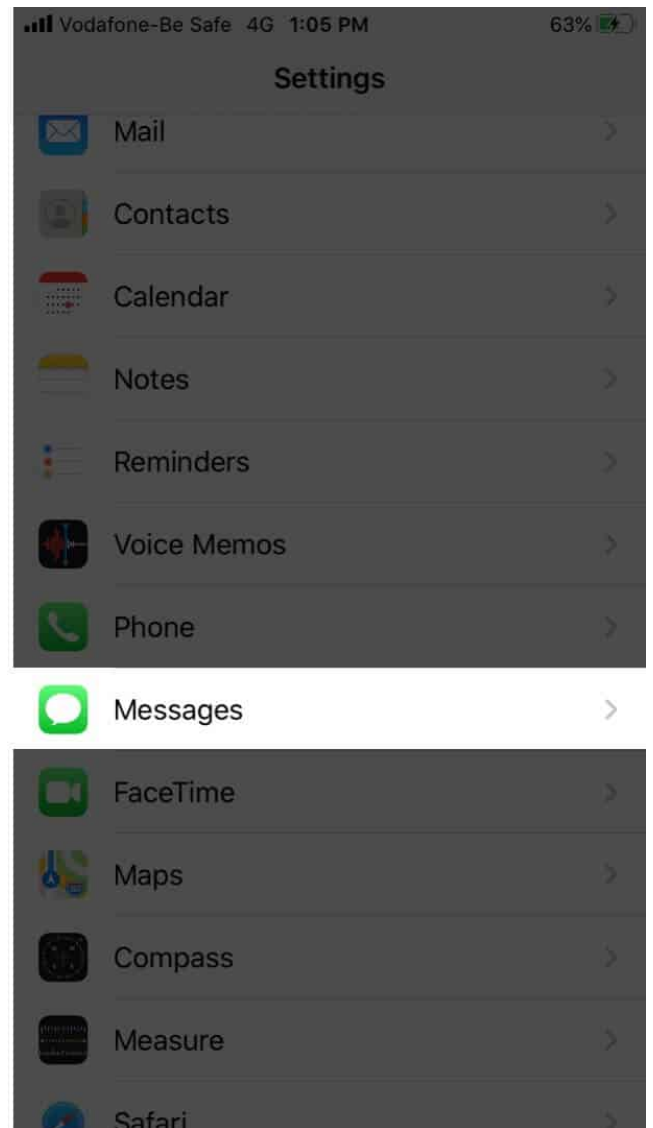
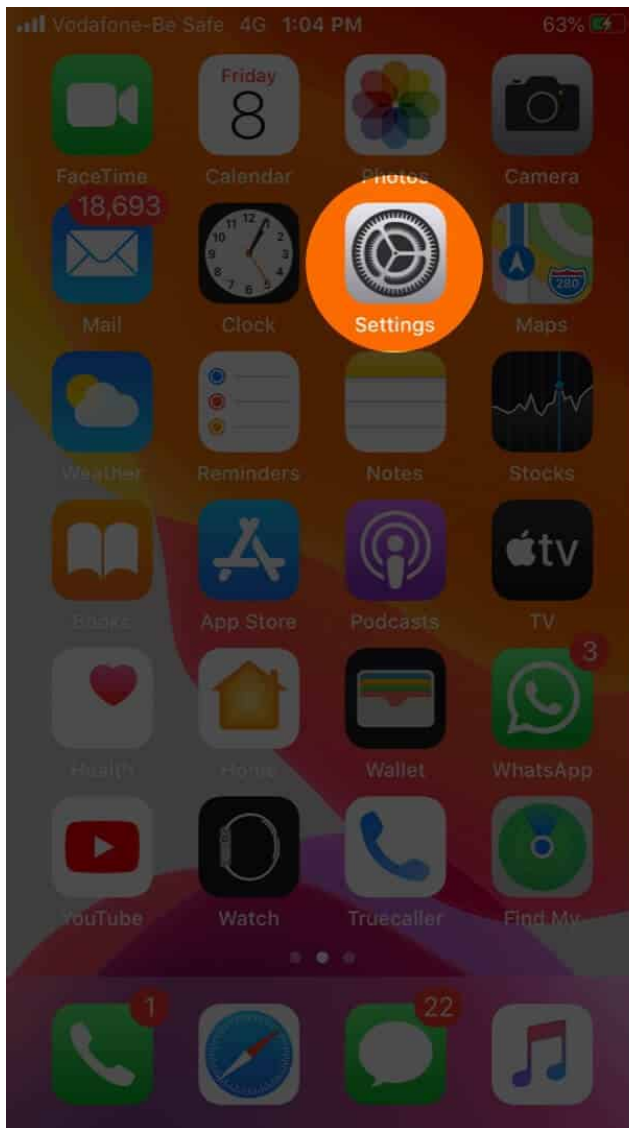


4. Remove unnecessary iMessage apps

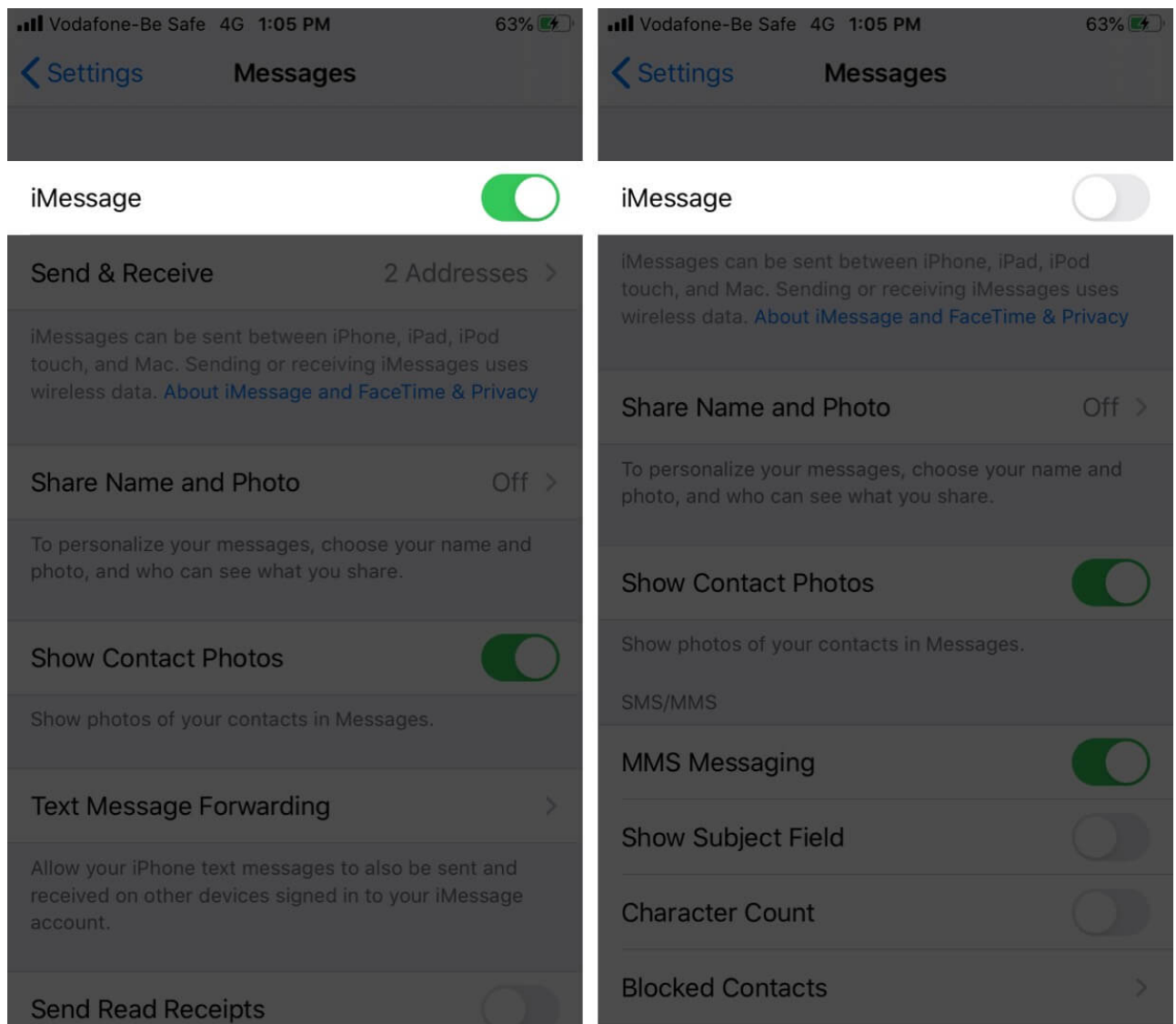
If you have too many iMessage apps, then deleting the ones that are not essential might help. Here is a step by step guide on [how to delete the iMessage app](#).

5. Disable and re-enable iMessage

1. Open the **Settings** app on your iPhone.
2. Tap **Messages**.



3. Tap the toggle for **iMessage** to turn it off.

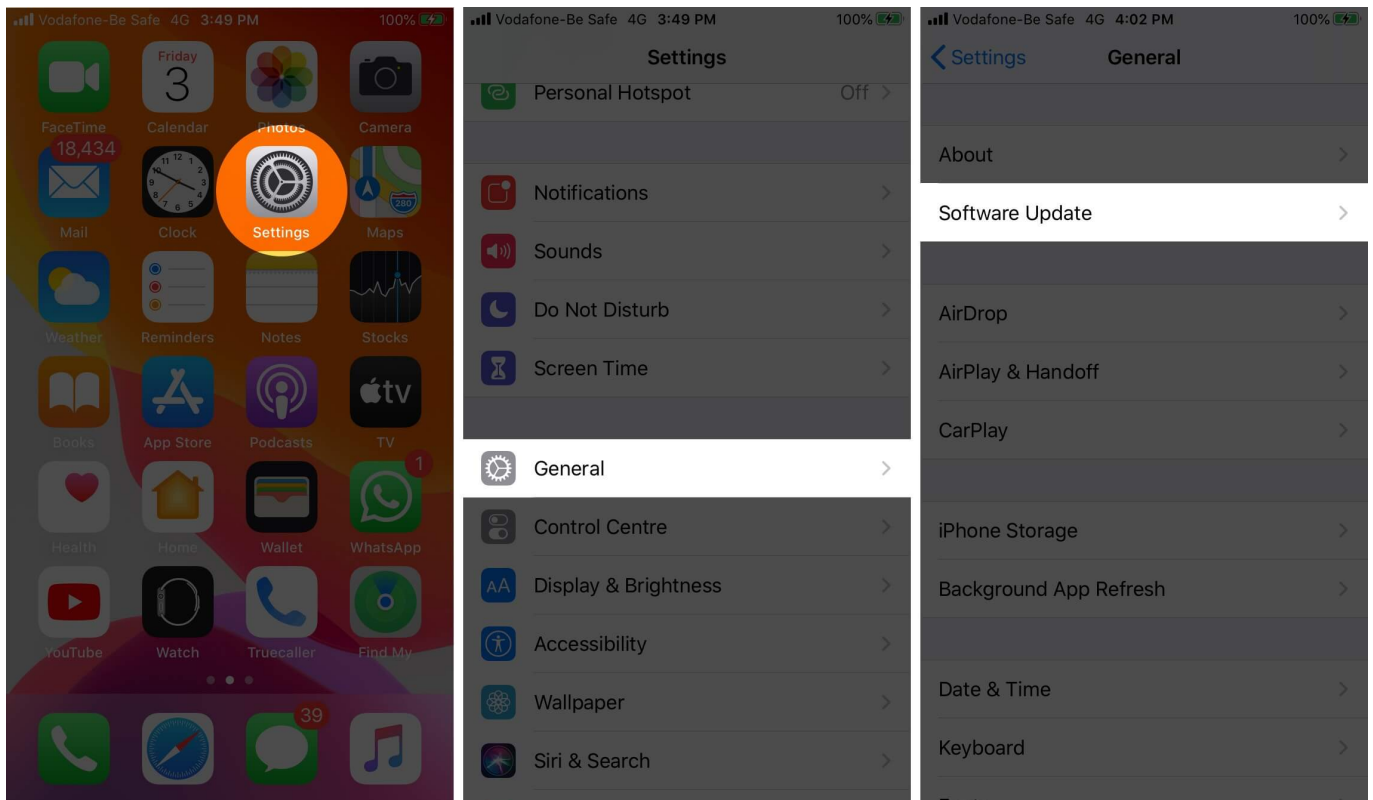


4. After a minute, tap it again to enable it.

6. Update latest iOS

It is an excellent measure to have the latest iOS version on your iPhone. If you are facing frequent freezing or crashing of the Messages app, then a software update might help.

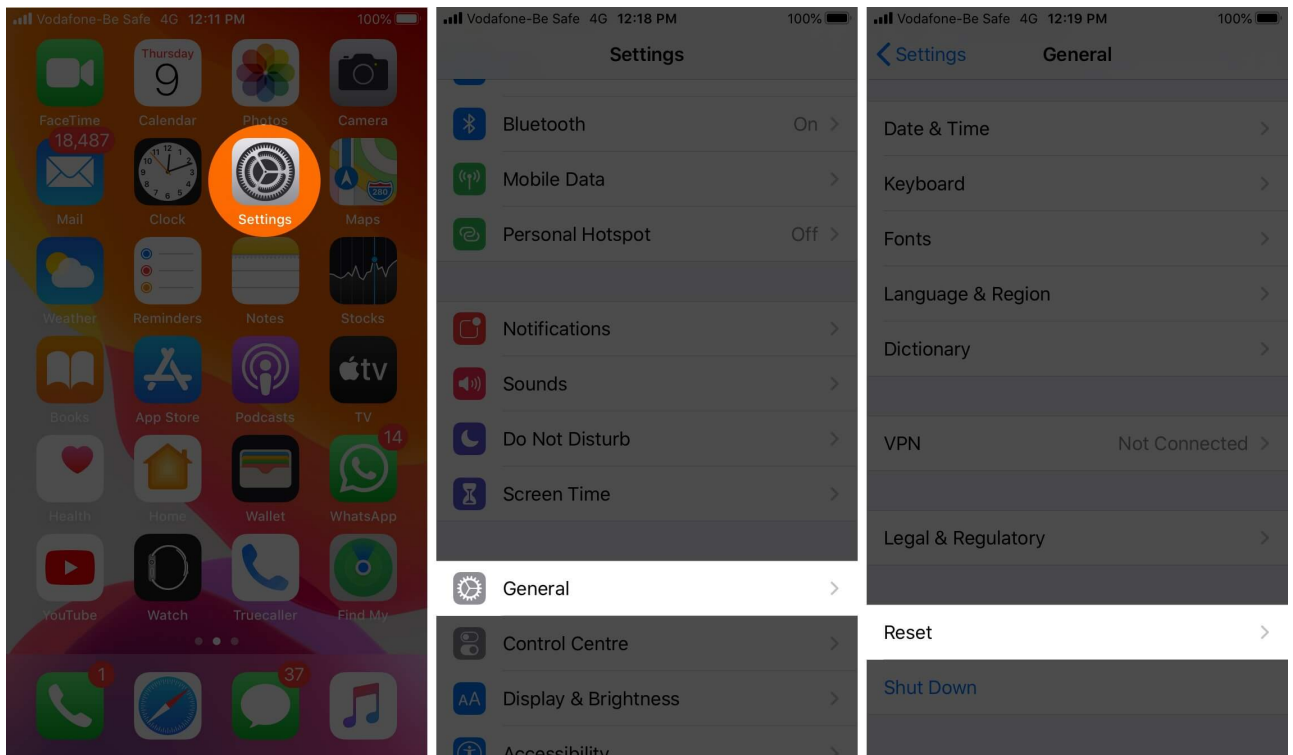
For this open the **Settings** app → Tap on **General** → **Software Update**, and if you have a pending update, tap on **Download and Install**.



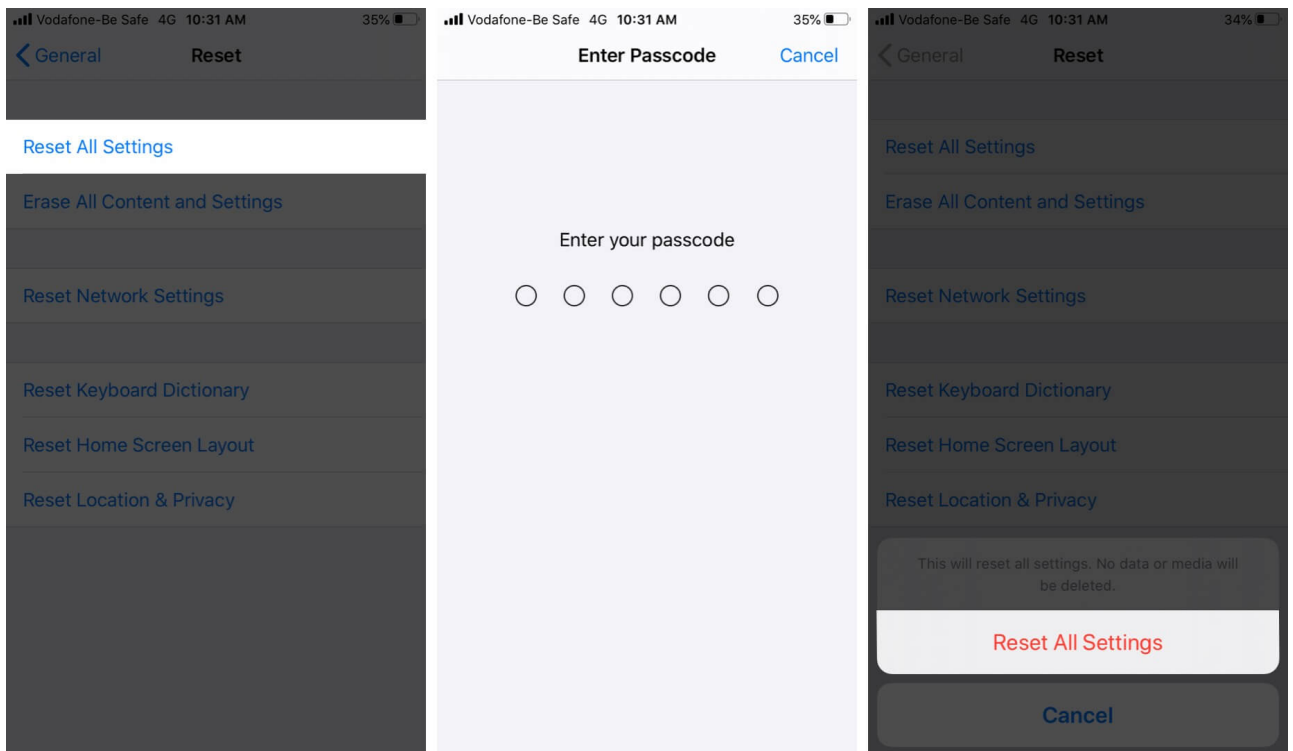
7. Reset All Settings on iPhone

This will reset all iPhone settings like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, VPN configurations, home screen layout, keyboard settings, and more. It won't delete any personal data like apps, music, or photos. But still, [take a backup](#) before proceeding.

1. Open the **Settings** app on your iPhone.
2. Tap **General** → **Reset**.



3. Tap on **Reset All Settings**.
4. Enter your iPhone's password and confirm.



Once the process completes, you may need to sign in with your Apple ID. After that, open the Messages app, and most likely, the crashing and freezing problem will no longer be there.

That's all, folks! Hopefully, this will solve the issue of the Messages app crashing on your iPhone. At last, if nothing helps, you may contact Apple Support for further assistance.

Meanwhile, you can also long-press the Messages app icon and tap New Message to send a text. For the time being, you can also [use Siri](#) to reply to incoming text messages. And you may share photos and videos directly from the Photos app until your problem is solved.

Have any further issues? Let us know in the comments section below.

You may want to take a peek at:

- [iPhone not sending text messages? Try out these fixes](#)
- [How to send audio messages on iPhone or iPad](#)
- [How to set up auto reply to text messages on iPhone while driving](#)