



AirTags and Luggage Trackers — Never Lose a Bag Again

Never Lose a Bag Again Slip a tiny tracker in your suitcase and watch it on your phone

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THE 60-SECOND VERSION

1. The Whole Idea in One Glance

If you remember only this page, you will still get most of the benefit.

A luggage tracker is a coin-sized gadget you drop in your bag. It quietly reports its location to your phone using other travelers' phones nearby, so you can open an app and see roughly where your suitcase is.

- Pick a tracker that matches your phone: Apple AirTag for iPhone, Samsung SmartTag for Galaxy, Chipolo or Tile for either
- Set it up at home, in the matching app, before your trip
- Drop it inside your checked bag, zipped in an inside pocket
- At the airport, open the app to confirm your bag made the plane
- If a bag goes missing, you can show the airline exactly where it is

GOOD TO KNOW

These little tags do not have their own GPS or cell service. They borrow the signal of smartphones that pass nearby, which is why they work so well in busy airports and so poorly in the middle of nowhere.

WHAT IT IS

2. What a Luggage Tracker Actually Does

A tracker is a small disc, about the size of a few stacked quarters, with a tiny battery inside. It does one job: every so often it whispers its location to your phone's app so you can see it on a map.

Think of it like a lost-and-found tag that reports in on its own. You do not have to do anything while you travel. You just open the app when you want to check, the same way you would check the weather.

WATCH OUT

You do not need to be a computer person to use one. If you can send a text message and open an app, you can use a luggage tracker.

HOW IT FINDS YOUR BAG

3. How a Tag Knows Where Your Bag Is

This is the part that surprises people, so it is worth a plain explanation. Your tracker sends out a quiet Bluetooth signal a few feet in every direction. Any nearby smartphone running the matching network hears that signal and, in the background, reports the location up to the cloud. None of those strangers ever see your bag or know they helped.

Airports, train stations, and hotels are full of phones, so your bag's location updates often in those places. Out on an empty rural road, with no phones around, the location may not update for a while. That is normal and not a sign the tracker is broken.

GOOD TO KNOW

Because the tag relies on other phones, the location you see is the last place a phone heard it, not a live dot moving in real time. It is usually close enough to tell you the bag is at the right airport.

WHICH PHONE YOU HAVE

4. Start With the Phone in Your Pocket

The single most important choice is matching the tracker to your phone, because each type uses a different network of phones to do the finding. Buy the wrong type and it will work far less well.

- iPhone owners: Apple AirTag uses Apple's Find My network, the largest one, with a billion-plus iPhones helping
- Samsung Galaxy owners: Samsung SmartTag uses Samsung's network of Galaxy phones
- Either phone: Chipolo and Tile make tags that work with Apple's or Google's network
- Android phones in general: look for a tag that says it works with Google Find Hub

WATCH OUT

An AirTag only shows its location to iPhones and iPads, not to Android phones. If you carry an Android phone, an AirTag is the wrong choice for you.

THE MAIN CHOICES

5. The Four Trackers Most Travelers Use

You do not need to study a dozen brands. Four names cover almost everyone, and they are sold at electronics stores, warehouse clubs, and online.

- Apple AirTag: the standard pick for iPhone owners, with the biggest finding network
- Samsung SmartTag: the natural pick if you carry a Samsung Galaxy phone
- Chipolo: small tags that you set up for Apple's network or Google's, your choice
- Tile: long-established tags that work across both Apple and Android households

Prices change often, so I will not quote exact numbers that go stale. As a rough guide, expect a single tag to cost somewhere in the range of a nice dinner out, and a four-pack to cost less per tag. Always confirm the current price before you buy.

BLUETOOTH VS GPS

6. Bluetooth Tags Versus Real GPS Trackers

The four tags above are Bluetooth tags. They are cheap, the battery lasts about a year, and they need no monthly fee. The trade-off is that they only update when a phone passes near them.

There is a second kind: a cellular GPS tracker, which has its own SIM card like a phone and reports its own live location anywhere it has signal. These cost more and charge a monthly fee, and the battery needs recharging. Most travelers do not need one.

TIP

For ordinary flights and cruises, a Bluetooth tag is plenty. Consider a cellular GPS tracker only if you are shipping something valuable through remote areas with few people around.

BATTERIES

7. The Battery Inside, and Why It Matters at the Airport

Most of these tags run on a flat, round battery called a coin cell, the same kind that goes in a car key fob or a bathroom scale. It lasts roughly a year and costs a dollar or two to replace.

This matters because airlines have rules about batteries. The good news is that the tiny battery in a luggage tracker is well within what is allowed, even in a checked bag, as we will

cover on its own page.

GOOD TO KNOW

When the app tells you the battery is low, pop the tag open with a twist, swap in a fresh coin cell, and close it. No tools, no trip to a shop.

SETTING UP AN AIRTAG

8. Setting Up an AirTag, Step by Step

If you have an iPhone, setup takes about a minute and happens almost by itself. Do this at home before your trip.

- 1 Pull the plastic tab out of the new AirTag to wake it up
- 2 Hold it near your unlocked iPhone and wait for a card to pop up on the screen
- 3 Tap Connect
- 4 Give it a name like 'Blue Suitcase' so you know which bag it is
- 5 Tap Done, and you will now see it in the Find My app

TIP

Name the tag for the bag, not the trip. 'Blue Suitcase' still makes sense next year; 'Florida 2026' will not.

SETTING UP OTHER TAGS

9. Setting Up a Samsung, Chipolo, or Tile

The other brands set up the same gentle way, through their own free app. You download the app, create or sign in to an account, and the app walks you through adding the tag.

- Samsung SmartTag: use the SmartThings app that comes on Galaxy phones
- Chipolo: download the Chipolo app, and choose Apple's or Google's network when asked
- Tile: download the Tile app and create a free account

WATCH OUT

Some brands offer a paid premium plan. For simply finding a suitcase, the free version is all you need. Do not feel pressured into a subscription.

WHERE TO PUT IT

10. Where to Tuck the Tracker in Your Bag

Put the tag inside the bag, not clipped to the outside where it could be pulled off or spotted. An inside zip pocket is ideal.

- Slip it into an interior pocket and zip it closed
- Keep it away from anything that could crush it
- If you want, tuck it inside a sock or small pouch so it does not rattle
- For a purse or day bag, a keyring version clips to an inside loop

TIP

Put one tag in each checked bag. They are cheap enough that covering every bag is worth it, and a four-pack handles a whole family.

AT THE AIRPORT

11. Checking Your Bag Made the Plane

Here is where a tracker earns its keep. After you hand your bag over at the counter, you can quietly watch it travel through the airport on your phone.

- 1 Open the Find My or matching app on your phone
- 2 Find your bag's tag in the list
- 3 Watch it move from the check-in desk toward the gates
- 4 Once you are on the plane, a quick check should show it is at the same airport as you
- 5 When you land, it should update to the new airport within a few minutes

GOOD TO KNOW

If your bag is at the right airport but not yet at the carousel, give it time. Bags often take twenty minutes or more to reach the belt.

WHEN A BAG IS LATE

12. What to Do When Your Bag Does Not Arrive

Most delayed bags simply missed your connection and come on the next flight. A tracker turns a stressful mystery into a plain fact: you can see your bag is still back at the airport you left.

- 1 Go to the airline's baggage desk before you leave the airport
- 2 Open your tracker app and show the agent where the bag is

- 3 File a delayed-baggage report and get a reference number
- 4 Ask them to deliver the bag to your hotel or home when it arrives
- 5 Keep checking the app so you know when it is on the move again

TIP

Being able to say 'my bag is still in Chicago' calmly and with proof often gets you faster, friendlier help than simply reporting it missing.

SHARING WITH AIRLINES

13. Sharing Your Tag's Location With the Airline

Apple added a feature that lets you send a secure, temporary link showing an AirTag's location, and a growing list of airlines can now accept it to speed up reuniting you with your bag.

- 1 In the Find My app, select your bag's tag
- 2 Choose the option to Share Item Location
- 3 A private link is created that expires on its own
- 4 Give that link to the airline's baggage team if they support it
- 5 Stop sharing any time once the bag is back

GOOD TO KNOW

Not every airline is set up to use these links yet. Ask the baggage desk. Even without it, simply showing the agent your screen helps.

FAA BATTERY RULES

14. Are Trackers Allowed in a Checked Bag?

Yes. This question comes up a lot, so here is the plain answer. Aviation authorities allow luggage trackers with small lithium coin-cell batteries in checked bags. The limit is set well above what these tags contain.

- The rule allows lithium content up to a small threshold for trackers in checked bags
- A standard coin cell holds only a fraction of that amount
- So an ordinary AirTag or similar tag is comfortably within the rules
- No airline bans you from flying with a tracker in your bag

WATCH OUT

The rules concern spare and loose batteries and large battery packs, not a coin cell sealed inside a tracker. If you ever carry loose spare batteries, keep those in your carry-on, not checked.

KEEPING IT PRIVATE

15. Keeping Your Own Location Private

Only you, through your own account, can see where your tags are. The strangers whose phones help find your bag never see your tag or your information. Your location is not posted anywhere public.

GOOD TO KNOW

Use a strong password and the free two-step login on your Apple, Samsung, or Google account, since that account is what protects your tags. A phrase you can read off a card, like Sophie-1987, is both strong and easy to use.

ANTI-STALKING ALERTS

16. The Safety Alerts That Protect Everyone

You may have heard that trackers can be misused to follow a person. The makers built in safety features that work the other way, too, and it is good to understand them.

If a tag that is not yours seems to be traveling with you for a while, your phone will warn you that an unknown tracker is nearby. Both Apple and Google phones share this protection, so an AirTag will alert an Android user and the reverse. This is an industry agreement the two companies built together, and it works quietly in the background without you turning anything on.

GOOD TO KNOW

If you ever get an alert about an unknown tracker, follow the on-screen steps to find it and disable it. For your own tags traveling with your own bags, you will never get these alerts.

MAKING IT BEEP

17. Making a Nearby Tag Play a Sound

When you are close to your bag but cannot spot it, you can make the tag play a sound right from the app. This is handy in a crowded baggage claim or a packed car trunk.

- 1 Open the app and select the tag
- 2 Choose Play Sound
- 3 Listen for the chirp and follow it to the bag
- 4 On newer iPhones, a Find Nearby arrow can point you the last few feet

TIP

The sound only works when you are within Bluetooth range, roughly across a room. It is for the last few feet, not for finding a bag in another city.

CRUISES AND TRAINS

18. Using Trackers on Cruises, Trains, and Buses

Trackers are not just for flying. On a cruise, drop one in the bag you hand to the porter so you can confirm it reached your cabin. On a train or bus, a tag in your checked luggage gives the same peace of mind.

GOOD TO KNOW

At sea, far from shore and cell towers, updates slow down because there are fewer phones around and the ship is isolated. Expect the location to catch up when you reach port.

MORE THAN LUGGAGE

19. Other Handy Places for a Spare Tag

Once you have a tracker or two, you will find other uses around travel and home. They are small enough to tuck almost anywhere.

- In a carry-on or laptop bag you might leave on a train
- On your key ring, so a set of keys is never truly lost
- In a wallet or passport holder, with a slim card-style tag
- Clipped to a camera bag or a set of golf clubs you check

TIP

A card-shaped tag fits in a wallet like a credit card and is perfect for the one thing you most dread losing.

BATTERY LIFE

20. How Long the Battery Lasts and Swapping It

A coin-cell tag runs about a year on one battery. The app warns you well before it dies, so you are never caught out mid-trip.

- 1 Watch for a low-battery note in the app
- 2 Buy the matching coin cell, usually a CR2032, at any store
- 3 Twist or pry the tag open following its simple instructions
- 4 Drop the fresh battery in, matching plus-side up
- 5 Close it, and the app confirms a full battery

WATCH OUT

Keep spare coin-cell batteries away from small children and pets. Swallowed, they are dangerous. Store them high up and out of reach.

SHARING A TAG

21. Letting Your Spouse See the Bag Too

You can share a tag so both you and a travel companion see the same bag. That way either of you can check, and you are not the only one with the app.

TIP

In the Find My app you can add a person to a tag so they see it on their own phone. It is a nice way to share the job of keeping an eye on things.

BUYING SAFELY

22. Buying a Tracker Without Getting Fooled

Because these are popular, there are counterfeits and knock-offs that will not work with the real network. A few habits keep you safe.

- Buy from a well-known store or the maker's own site
- Be wary of a brand-name tag priced far below everyone else

- Make sure the box says it works with your phone's network by name
- Avoid tags from sellers you have never heard of on auction sites

WATCH OUT

If a deal looks too good to be true, it usually is a fake that will not connect. Pay a little more at a reputable store and save yourself the headache.

COMMON WORRIES

23. The Questions Travelers Ask Me Most

A few worries come up again and again, and the answers are reassuring.

- Will it drain my phone battery? No, the tag has its own battery and does the work
- Does it cost a monthly fee? No, Bluetooth tags have no fee
- Will airport scanners hurt it? No, it passes through screening fine
- Can thieves use it to find my valuables? No, only you can see your tags

GOOD TO KNOW

A tracker does not prevent a bag from being lost. It simply lets you and the airline find it faster, which is most of the battle.

A FAMILY SETUP

24. Setting Up Trackers for the Whole Family

If a family travels together, a four-pack of tags and a few minutes of setup covers everyone's bags. Set them all up on one phone, then share as needed.

- 1 Set up each tag on the trip organizer's phone
- 2 Name each one clearly by owner and bag
- 3 Share the kids' bags to a second parent's phone
- 4 Drop one in every checked bag before you leave
- 5 Do a quick app check at the airport for all of them at once

TIP

Grandparents traveling with grandchildren love this. One glance at the phone confirms every bag is accounted for.

IF A TAG GOES QUIET

25. When a Tag Stops Reporting

Once in a while a tag's location looks stuck. Usually the bag is simply somewhere with no phones nearby, like a cargo hold or a storage room. Give it time.

- A stale location often means no phones have passed by in a while
- The location will jump forward once the bag reaches a busy area
- If it never updates again, the battery may be dead; swap it
- Make sure the tag is still registered in your app and not removed

GOOD TO KNOW

A quiet tag is rarely a broken tag. Nine times out of ten it is simply waiting for a passing phone to check it in.

PACKING SMART

26. A Few Packing Habits That Help

A tracker works best alongside a couple of old-fashioned habits that make a lost bag easier to recover.

- Put a card with your name and phone inside the bag, not just on the tag
- Snap a quick photo of your bag and its contents before the trip
- Use a bright strap or ribbon so your bag is easy to spot
- Keep medicines, chargers, and a change of clothes in your carry-on

TIP

The photo of your bag is gold if you ever file a report. You can show the agent exactly what to look for.

ANDROID OWNERS

27. Android Phones and Google Find Hub

If your phone is an Android, such as a Samsung, Motorola, or Google Pixel, your finding network is Google's, which it calls Find Hub. It works just like Apple's: a huge number of Android phones quietly help locate your tag as they pass by.

The catch is that a tag made only for Apple's network will not show up for you, and the reverse is true as well. So read the box. A Chipolo or a Google-compatible tag is the right pick, and a plain AirTag is not.

- Look for the words 'works with Google Find Hub' on the package
- Samsung Galaxy owners can also use Samsung's own SmartTag network
- Chipolo makes a model you set up for either Apple or Google
- A plain AirTag is for Apple phones only and will not help you

GOOD TO KNOW

Both networks have grown to the point where either one will find your bag reliably in any busy airport. The key is simply matching the tag to the phone you carry.

PRECISION FINDING

28. The Arrow That Points You to the Bag

Some newer phones and tags can do something clever when you are within a room's distance. Instead of just beeping, the phone shows an on-screen arrow and a distance, pointing you step by step toward the tag like a game of warmer-and-colder.

This is handy in a sea of identical black suitcases at baggage claim, or when a bag has slid under a pile in a hotel luggage room. You hold up the phone, follow the arrow, and walk right to it.

WATCH OUT

Not every phone or tag has this arrow feature, and you do not need it. The plain beep works on all of them and is plenty for finding a bag across a room.

TRAVELING ABROAD

29. Using a Tracker on an Overseas Trip

Trackers work overseas the same as they do at home, because the finding networks are worldwide. Your tag will report in from a London carousel or a cruise terminal in the Caribbean just as it does in Cleveland.

You do not need any special international setting, and the tag itself uses no cell data, so there is no roaming charge for the tag. You only need your phone able to open the app, which it can do on hotel Wi-Fi if nothing else.

GOOD TO KNOW

Even if your phone has no data plan abroad, you can still check your bag's location whenever you connect to Wi-Fi, such as at the hotel or airport lounge.

CARRY-ON OR CHECKED

30. Which Bags Deserve a Tracker

The bag most worth tracking is the one you hand over and cannot see: your checked suitcase. That is the one that can end up on the wrong plane. A carry-on stays with you, so it needs a tracker less, though a tag there guards against leaving it on a train or in a lounge.

If you only buy one or two tags, put them in checked bags first. If you have a four-pack, there is no harm in tagging everything, including the carry-on and even your coat or camera bag.

TIP

A tag in your carry-on has saved many a traveler who set it down at a gate and walked away. The beep brings you right back to it.

YOUR RIGHTS

31. What the Airline Owes You for a Lost Bag

A tracker helps you find a bag, but it is also worth knowing your rights, because airlines owe you certain things when they delay or lose your luggage. The exact amounts and rules vary by airline and by whether the flight is domestic or international, so always ask at the baggage desk and keep your receipts.

- File a report at the airport before you leave; do not wait until you get home
- Keep your bag-claim tags and boarding pass as proof
- Ask about reimbursement for essentials while your bag is delayed
- Get everything in writing with a reference number you can follow up on

WATCH OUT

Do not throw away your baggage claim stickers or receipts. You may need them to prove your claim, and a tracker screenshot is a helpful extra, not a replacement.

CARING FOR THE TAG

32. Keeping Your Tracker in Good Shape

These tags are tougher than they look, but a little care keeps them working for years. They are built to ride along inside a bag that gets tossed around, so the main things to watch are water and the battery.

Most tags resist a splash but are not meant to be soaked. Kept dry inside a zipped pocket, a tag will easily outlast many trips, needing only the yearly battery swap.

GOOD TO KNOW

There is nothing to charge and no screen to crack. Apart from changing the coin-cell battery once a year, a luggage tag is close to maintenance-free.

BORROWED ITEMS

33. Tags on Rentals and Borrowed Gear

A spare tag is useful beyond your own suitcase. Tuck one into a rented set of golf clubs, a borrowed camera, or a box you are shipping ahead, and you can keep an eye on it the same way.

TIP

When you return a borrowed item, remember to take your tag back out. It is easy to forget a tag you hid well, and good tags are worth retrieving.

SHARING THE JOB

34. Helping a Less Techy Spouse Follow Along

In many households one person handles the gadgets and the other would rather not. Luggage trackers are a gentle place to share the load, because once a tag is shared, checking it is as simple as opening one app and looking at a map.

Set the tags up on your phone, then share each one to your spouse's phone so they can look too. Walk through it together once at the kitchen table, and the next time a bag is late, either of you can calmly pull up where it is.

TIP

Keep it to the one task that matters: open the app, look at the map. There is no need to learn every feature to get the peace of mind.

OLD VS NEW

35. Trackers Versus the Old Paper Luggage Tag

The paper or leather luggage tag on the handle has one job: to tell a person who finds your bag how to reach you. That is still worth having. A tracker does a different job: it tells you where the bag is at that moment, without anyone finding it first.

The two work beautifully together. The tracker gets you to the right airport and the right area; the name tag helps an honest finder return a bag that wandered off. Use both and you have covered the problem from both ends.

GOOD TO KNOW

A tracker is not a replacement for a name tag. Keep a card with your name and phone inside and outside the bag, and let the tracker do the finding.

BEING REALISTIC

36. What a Tracker Can and Cannot Do

It is worth being honest about the limits so you are never disappointed. A tracker does not stop a bag from being delayed, and it does not move your bag any faster. What it does is turn a worrying unknown into a plain fact you can act on.

- It will not prevent a bag from going on the wrong plane
- It will not show a live, moving dot every second
- It may go quiet when no phones are nearby, then catch up
- It will tell you, with confidence, where your bag was last seen

TIP

Set your expectations right and a tracker becomes a quiet source of calm: you will almost always know where your bag is, and that is most of what travelers worry about.

READING THE MAP

37. Making Sense of What the App Shows You

When you open the app, you see a map with a dot for your bag and usually a line of text telling you where and when it was last seen. Learning to read those two things is all you need. The dot is the place; the time tells you how fresh that place is.

If the note says the bag was seen a few minutes ago at your arrival airport, you can relax and head to the carousel. If it says the bag was last seen an hour ago at the airport you left, you know it missed the plane and it is time to visit the baggage desk.

- The dot shows the last place a phone heard the tag
- The time stamp tells you how recent that reading is
- A fresh time at your airport means the bag is with you
- An old time at the departure airport means it was left behind

TIP

Always glance at the time stamp, not just the dot. A location from this morning tells a very different story than one from a moment ago.

FAMILY TRAVEL

38. Tagging the Grandchildren's Bags Too

When you travel with grandchildren, their little backpacks and rolling bags are the easiest to lose track of in a busy terminal. A tag in each one lets you account for the whole group with a single glance at your phone.

It also helps with the bags that get set down during a long layover. Rather than counting bags over and over, you can open the app and confirm every one is right there with you before you move on to the gate.

GOOD TO KNOW

A tag is not a child tracker and should not be used to follow a person. For bags and belongings, though, it brings real calm to traveling with a lively group.

THE HANDOFF

39. Why Your Bag Sometimes Goes Quiet in the Hold

Once your bag is loaded into the belly of the plane, it may stop updating for the length of the flight. That is because it is sealed in a metal hold, far from any passenger phones, with the cabin's own phones switched to airplane mode. This is completely normal.

The moment the plane lands and the hold is opened, phones come back within range and your tag checks in again, usually showing your new airport within a few minutes. So a silent tag during a flight is nothing to worry about.

WATCH OUT

Do not panic if the location freezes at your departure airport during the flight. Wait until you have landed and given it a few minutes before you decide anything is wrong.

SIMPLE ACCESS

40. Keeping the App Easy to Reach

A tracker only helps if you can find the app quickly when you need it. On an iPhone the Find My app is built in; on other phones, move the tracker app to your home screen so it is one tap away, not buried in a folder.

It is worth opening the app once before every trip, just to be sure you remember where it is and that it still shows your tags. A thirty-second check at home saves fumbling at the airport.

TIP

If your phone lets you, add the app to your home screen in the first row. When a bag is missing is not the moment to go hunting for an app.

A TRIP ROUTINE

41. A Gentle Routine for Every Trip

The travelers who get the most from a tracker build it into a small, calm routine. None of it is hard; it just becomes a habit, like checking you have your keys and wallet before you leave the house.

The night before, confirm the battery and that each tag is in its bag. At check-in, hand the bag over and watch it start moving. On arrival, glance at the app before you reach the carousel. That is the whole routine, and it turns luggage worry into a non-event.

- Night before: check the battery and that tags are placed
- At the counter: hand over the bag and watch it move
- In the air: expect the tag to go quiet, and that is fine
- On landing: glance at the app before heading to the belt

GOOD TO KNOW

Once this becomes second nature, you will wonder how you ever traveled without it. A few seconds of checking replaces hours of worry.

YOUR CHECKLIST

42. Your Pre-Trip Tracker Checklist

Run through this the night before you travel and you are set.

- Tracker set up in the app and named
- Battery shows full in the app
- Tag zipped inside each checked bag
- App installed and working on your phone
- Companion added to shared tags if you like
- Name-and-phone card inside each bag

GOOD TO KNOW

Do the setup at home on your own Wi-Fi, never in a rush at the airport. A calm five minutes at the kitchen table is all it takes.

WHEN TO CALL

43. When It Is Worth Calling Me

Most people set up a tracker themselves in a few minutes. But if the app will not connect, if you are not sure which tag fits your phone, or if you would simply rather have someone sit beside you and walk through it, that is exactly what I am here for.

TIP

I can help you set up trackers for a whole family's luggage in one visit, and show you how to check them at the airport, so you leave on your trip with one less thing to worry about.

CHEAT SHEET

Everyday Cheat Sheet

Keep this page handy for your trip. It is the short answer to the questions travelers ask most about luggage trackers.

- Pick a tag for your phone: AirTag for iPhone, SmartTag for Samsung, Chipolo or Tile for either
- Set it up at home in the matching app and name it for the bag
- Zip one inside each checked bag, in an inside pocket
- At the airport, open the app to confirm the bag is with you
- If a bag is late, show the baggage desk where it is on your screen
- Swap the coin-cell battery about once a year when the app warns you
- Only you can see your tags; strangers' phones that help never see them
- Get help: call Bill at (330) 200-8042

AT A GLANCE

A Picture to Follow Along

Which Tracker Is Right for You?

Match the tag to the phone in your pocket.

iPhone

Apple AirTag
Biggest finding network
Works with Find My

Samsung Galaxy

Samsung SmartTag
Uses Galaxy phones
Works in SmartThings

Either Phone

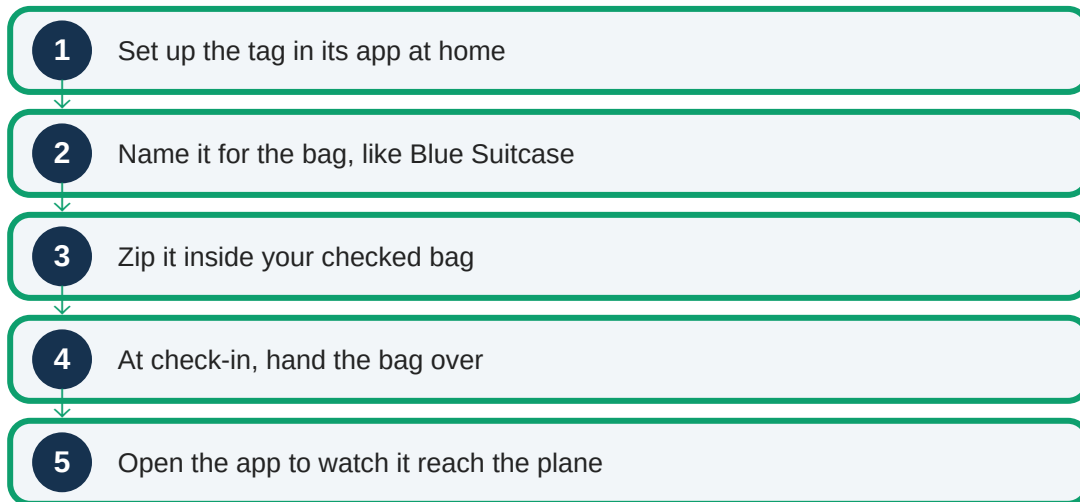
Chipolo or Tile
Pick Apple or Google
Good for mixed homes

AT A GLANCE

A Second Look

From Box to Baggage Claim

Do the first steps at home, the last one at the airport.



BEFORE YOU GO

A Note From Bill

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GOOD TO KNOW

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