



Sharing Your Location With Family While You Travel

Family Stays in the Loop Let loved ones see your location safely and only when you choose

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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.

Location sharing lets a trusted family member open an app and see a dot on a map showing roughly where you are. You choose who can see it, and you can stop at any time. Nobody else can see you, and no stranger is involved.

- All-Apple families: use the Find My app that is already on the iPhone
- Mixed iPhone and Android families: use Google Maps, which works on both
- Want extra features: Life360 adds alerts and history and runs on both
- Share for one hour, for the day, or until you turn it off
- You can stop sharing with one tap whenever you want

GOOD TO KNOW

Sharing your location is a private, two-way choice. The person sees you only because you invited them, and the moment you stop, they see nothing. It is not a public broadcast.

WHY BOTHER

2. Why Families Like to Share Location on a Trip

When you travel, the people who love you tend to wonder about the gaps: did the flight land, did you reach the hotel, are you back from the day trip. A shared location answers those quiet questions without a single phone call. Your daughter can glance at her phone, see you are at the hotel, and get on with her day.

It works the other way, too. If you ever get turned around in a strange city, someone back home can see where you are and talk you through it. It is less about being watched and more about having a calm, simple safety net.

TIP

Think of it as the modern version of calling home to say you got in safe. The map does the saying for you, so nobody has to remember to make the call.

IT IS YOUR CHOICE

3. You Are Always in Control

The most important thing to understand is that nothing happens without your say-so. You decide who sees your location. You decide for how long. And you can shut it off in a few seconds whenever you please, no questions asked and no notice to anyone.

- You pick each person by name; there is no group of strangers
- You choose a time limit or leave it open-ended
- You can stop sharing with any one person at any time
- Turning it off is quiet; the other person is not alerted

GOOD TO KNOW

Sharing is not the same as being tracked against your will. A real family-location app always needs you to agree first, which is exactly the protection you want.

WHICH TOOL

4. Picking the Right Tool for Your Family

There are three sensible choices, and the right one depends mostly on what phones your family carries. You do not need to install anything fancy. In most cases the tool you need is already on the phone in your pocket.

- Everyone has an iPhone: Apple's Find My is built in and simplest
- Some have Android phones: Google Maps works on every phone
- You want alerts and more: Life360 is a paid-option app for both
- You just want a quick one-time share: a simple link works too

GOOD TO KNOW

Start with what is already on your phone. If your whole family uses iPhones, Find My is free, built in, and needs nothing extra downloaded.

APPLE FIND MY

5. Find My, the Apple Family's Easy Choice

If you and your family all use iPhones, Find My is the gentlest place to start. It comes on every iPhone from the factory, so there is nothing to buy or install. It shows your chosen people on a map and lets them share back with you, which many families find reassuring.

The catch is that Find My is an Apple-only club. It will not show your location to a family member who carries an Android phone, such as a Samsung or a Google Pixel. For an all-Apple household, though, it is hard to beat for simplicity.

GOOD TO KNOW

Find My is the same app that finds a lost iPhone or an AirTag. Sharing your location with a person is just one part of it, under the People tab.

SHARING IN FIND MY

6. Sharing Your Location in Find My

Setting this up takes under a minute, and it is worth doing at the kitchen table before you leave, not at the airport. Have your family member's name and phone number in your contacts first.

- 1 Open the Find My app on your iPhone
- 2 Tap the People tab at the bottom
- 3 Tap the plus button, then Share My Location
- 4 Type the name of the person you want to share with
- 5 Tap Send, then choose Share for One Hour, Until End of Day, or Share Indefinitely

TIP

For a trip, Share Indefinitely is usually the easiest, because it stays on the whole time. You can always switch it off the day you get home.

SHARING BACK

7. Letting Family Share With You Too

Sharing can go both ways, and many families like that. Once your daughter shares her location back, you can see her on your map just as she sees you. It turns a one-way check into a mutual habit that feels fairer to everyone.

When someone shares with you, your phone asks if you would like to share back. You can say yes right then, or set it up yourself later the same way you shared the first time. There is no pressure to reciprocate if you would rather not.

GOOD TO KNOW

Two-way sharing often feels more comfortable than one-way. When both people can see each other, it feels like staying in touch rather than being watched.

GOOGLE MAPS

8. Google Maps, the Choice for Mixed Phones

If your family is a mix of iPhones and Android phones, Google Maps is the one tool that works for everyone. It runs on both kinds of phone, and almost everyone already has it installed for directions. That makes it the natural pick when not everyone is on an iPhone.

You share with a person's Google account, usually the email address they use for Gmail. If the person you want to share with uses Gmail, you are all set. If not, you can still send them a plain link, which we will cover on its own page.

TIP

Google Maps is a good family choice precisely because it does not care what phone anyone has. An iPhone grandparent can share with an Android grandchild without a hitch.

SHARING IN MAPS

9. Sharing Your Location in Google Maps

The steps are nearly the same on an iPhone or an Android phone. Open Google Maps, tap your little round profile picture in the top corner, and look for Location sharing. From there it is a short, friendly set of taps.

- 1 Open the Google Maps app
- 2 Tap your profile picture or initial in the top right corner
- 3 Tap Location sharing, then New share
- 4 Set the time to Until you turn this off, or pick a number of hours
- 5 Choose the family member from your contacts, then tap Share

GOOD TO KNOW

The person you share with needs a Google account to see you directly inside their own Google Maps. If they do not have one, use the link method on the next page instead.

A SIMPLE LINK

10. The Simplest Way: Sending a Link

Sometimes you just want to let one person see you for a few hours, without anyone creating an account or installing anything. Both Google Maps and your iPhone can create a link you send by text message. The person taps it and sees your location in their web browser, no setup at all.

This is perfect for a one-off, like letting a friend watch your drive to their house so they know when to put the coffee on. The link stops working when the sharing time ends, so it cleans up after itself.

WATCH OUT

A link is the friendliest option for a less techy relative. They do not learn an app; they just tap the blue words in your text and see the map.

LIFE360

11. Life360, for Families Who Want More

Life360 is a separate app, built just for family location, that works on both iPhones and Android phones. Beyond showing where everyone is, it can send an alert when someone arrives at or leaves a place, keep a history of where a phone has been, and even notice hard driving or a possible crash. Families with far-flung members sometimes find these extras worth it.

The trade-off is that the best features sit behind a paid monthly plan, and it is one more app to learn. For a simple trip, the free tools on your phone are usually plenty. Life360 shines for families who want an everyday, all-in-one hub.

WATCH OUT

Life360 has a free version and several paid tiers. Prices and plan names change often, so confirm the current cost in the app before you subscribe. Do not feel you must pay to get basic sharing.

COMPARING THEM

12. Which One Fits Your Family Best

There is no single best tool, only the one that fits your family's phones and taste. Here is the plain comparison, so you can decide without overthinking it.

- Find My: free, built into every iPhone, Apple devices only
- Google Maps: free, works on all phones, needs a Google account for direct sharing
- Life360: works on all phones, free basics, paid plans for alerts and history
- A shared link: no account needed, best for a quick one-time share

GOOD TO KNOW

You can use more than one. Many people keep Find My going inside their Apple family and send a Google Maps link to a friend on Android. Mix and match as suits you.

WHO TO PICK

13. Choosing Who Actually Needs to See You

You do not have to share with everyone who asks, and you do not have to share with the same people every trip. A good rule is to share with one or two people you trust completely and who would actually act if something seemed off. That is usually a spouse, a grown child, or a close friend.

- Pick people who would notice and help if you went quiet
- One or two is plenty; a crowd just means more to manage
- Make sure at least one of them is reachable while you travel
- It is fine to share with different people for different trips

TIP

The best person to share with is whoever you would call first in a jam. Share with them, and you have your safety net in one tap.

TEMPORARY OR ONGOING

14. A Quick Share Versus an All-the-Time Share

There are really two ways people use location sharing, and it helps to know which you want. A temporary share lasts for an hour or a day and then quietly ends on its own. An ongoing share stays on until you turn it off, which suits a whole trip or an everyday arrangement with a spouse.

For most trips, an ongoing share that you switch off when you get home is the least fuss. For a single outing, a one-hour share is tidy and needs no cleanup. Pick whichever matches the moment.

GOOD TO KNOW

A temporary share is a lovely, low-commitment option. It turns itself off, so there is nothing to remember and no lingering sharing to forget about.

TURNING IT OFF

15. How to Stop Sharing, Any Time You Like

Knowing you can stop is what makes sharing comfortable, so let us make it crystal clear. In any of these apps, stopping is a couple of taps, and the other person is not sent an announcement about it. You are simply no longer on their map.

- 1 In Find My: open People, tap the person, scroll down, tap Stop Sharing My Location
- 2 In Google Maps: open Location sharing, tap the person, tap Stop
- 3 In Life360: open the circle, go to settings, and turn off sharing
- 4 To check: open the app and confirm no one is listed as seeing you

TIP

Make a habit of turning off trip sharing the evening you get home. It keeps your sharing list honest and reflects only what you actually want shared.

BATTERY

16. What Sharing Does to Your Battery

People worry that sharing their location will drain the phone, and it is a fair question. The honest answer is that it uses a little battery, but far less than you might fear. The built-in tools from Apple and Google are designed to sip power, updating your spot only now and then rather than every second.

Apps with more features, like Life360 running all day with alerts, use a bit more. On a long travel day, the simplest fix is to carry a small power bank so a little extra battery use never leaves you stranded.

GOOD TO KNOW

A dead phone shares nothing, which defeats the purpose. Keeping your phone charged is the single best thing you can do to make location sharing dependable.

PRIVACY

17. Keeping It Private and Safe

Your location is sensitive, so it is worth understanding how these tools protect it. In all of them, only the specific people you chose can see you, and the information travels privately between your phone and theirs through the company's servers. It is not posted anywhere public, and strangers have no way in.

- Only the named people you invited can see your location
- Nothing is shown publicly or sold as your travel plans
- Your account login is the lock on the door; keep it strong
- Review your sharing list now and then and remove anyone stale

WATCH OUT

The real risk is not strangers but a cluttered sharing list. If you shared with an old friend two trips ago and never stopped, they can still see you. Tidy the list from time to time.

STRONG LOGIN

18. Protecting the Account Behind Your Sharing

Since your Apple, Google, or Life360 account is what guards your location, that account's password matters. A strong password and the free two-step login, where the company texts you a code to confirm it is really you, keep your sharing private even if someone learned your password.

TIP

A password you can read off a card, like a short phrase with a number, is both strong and easy. Turning on two-step login adds a second lock for no cost. I am glad to set this up with you.

CHECK-IN HABITS

19. Pairing Sharing With a Simple Check-In

Location sharing works best alongside a light touch of old-fashioned checking in. A map tells family where you are, but a quick message tells them how you are, which a dot on a map cannot. The two together are gentle and reassuring without being a chore.

- Send a one-line text when you land or reach the hotel
- A thumbs-up or a photo counts as a check-in
- Agree in advance on roughly when you will touch base
- If you will be out of signal, say so, so silence is not alarming

GOOD TO KNOW

A short daily message prevents a lot of needless worry. If family knows to expect a morning hello, they will not panic when the map sits still while you sleep.

WHEN IT IS STILL

20. Why Your Dot Sometimes Does Not Move

Now and then a family member may notice your location looks frozen and wonder if something is wrong. Usually the explanation is simple and harmless. Your phone may be low on signal, asleep in your pocket, out of battery, or simply sitting still because you are asleep or at dinner.

It is worth telling the people who watch your map about this ahead of time. A still dot almost never means trouble. It just means the phone has not had a chance to report a new spot.

WATCH OUT

Set the expectation early that a frozen dot is normal, especially overnight or on a plane. Otherwise a sleeping phone can cause a worried call at two in the morning.

NO SIGNAL

21. What Happens Where There Is No Signal

Location sharing needs your phone to reach the internet to send its spot. On a cruise far from shore, deep in a national park, or on a plane, your phone may have no signal, so your location will not update until you are connected again. This is normal and not a failure of the app.

The moment you get back on Wi-Fi or cell service, your location catches up and your family sees your current spot again. If you know you will be off the grid, a quick heads-up beforehand saves everyone the worry.

GOOD TO KNOW

When your phone reconnects, usually on hotel or ship Wi-Fi, your location jumps to where you are now. The gap while you were offline is nothing to be concerned about.

TRAVELING ABROAD

22. Sharing Your Location From Another Country

Location sharing works overseas exactly as it does at home, because these networks are worldwide. Your family will see you on a map in Rome or Tokyo just as clearly as in Ohio. The only requirement is that your phone can reach the internet, which it can over hotel Wi-Fi even without a data plan.

If you turn on airplane mode abroad to avoid roaming charges, your location simply will not update until you connect to Wi-Fi. A quick evening check-in on the hotel Wi-Fi keeps family in the loop without any roaming bill.

GOOD TO KNOW

Even with no overseas data plan, connect to the hotel Wi-Fi once a day. Your location updates, any messages go through, and your family relaxes, all for free.

ADULT CHILDREN

23. Letting Your Grown Kids Keep Tabs Gently

Many of the people reading this have grown children who worry when a parent travels, sometimes more than the parent does. Sharing your location is a kind gift to them, because it answers their worry without them having to nag you for updates. It can actually mean fewer phone calls, not more.

The key is to frame it as a courtesy you are offering, on your terms. You decide to share, you decide for how long, and you can stop. That keeps you the one in charge while still giving your children the peace of mind they want.

GOOD TO KNOW

Offering to share your location often satisfies a worried adult child completely. They stop checking in constantly because they can simply glance at the map when they wonder.

NOT FEELING TRACKED

24. Keeping It From Feeling Like Being Watched

Some people bristle at the idea of being followed on a map, and that is a perfectly reasonable feeling. The way to keep it comfortable is to make the sharing mutual and time-limited. When both of you can see each other, and when the sharing ends with the trip, it feels like staying connected rather than being supervised.

- Share both ways so it feels mutual, not one-sided
- Use it for a trip, then turn it off when you are home
- Agree out loud on what it is for, so there are no surprises
- Remember you hold the off switch and can use it any time

TIP

A short conversation does wonders. Agree that the map is for peace of mind on trips, not for checking up on daily errands, and everyone stays comfortable.

SETTING EXPECTATIONS

25. A Short Talk That Prevents Hurt Feelings

Before you turn anything on, a two-minute chat with the family saves confusion later. Decide together who shares with whom, roughly how often you will check in, and that a still dot or a quiet stretch is normal. Everyone knowing the plan is what keeps a helpful tool from feeling like a leash.

It also helps to agree on what to do if something really does seem off, such as no contact for a full day. Having that plan in advance means nobody overreacts to a dead battery and nobody ignores a genuine problem.

GOOD TO KNOW

The families who do best with location sharing talk about it first. Five minutes of agreement up front prevents a lot of worry and the occasional hurt feeling.

FAMILY GROUPS

26. Setting Up Sharing for a Whole Group Trip

When several family members travel together, such as a reunion or a group tour, sharing locations within the group helps everyone regroup after splitting up for the day. In Find My or Google Maps you can share with each person, or in Life360 you can put the whole group in one circle and see everyone on a single map.

This is a real comfort in a big, busy place like a theme park, a cruise terminal, or a foreign market, where it is easy to get separated. One glance shows who is where, so you can meet up without a flurry of calls.

TIP

For a group trip, agree on one tool before you leave so nobody is left out. The app that works for everyone's phone, usually Google Maps or Life360, is the safe choice.

APPLE WATCH

27. Sharing From an Apple Watch or Simple Phone

If you wear an Apple Watch, it can share your location too, which is handy if you like to leave the phone in the bag. The watch uses the same Find My setup, so once your phone is sharing, the watch is simply along for the ride.

If you carry a very basic phone that cannot run these apps, location sharing may not be an option, and that is all right. A simple agreed check-in by call or text does the same job the old-fashioned way, and there is nothing wrong with that.

GOOD TO KNOW

The technology is a convenience, not a requirement. A phone call that says you arrived safely has worked for generations and still works beautifully.

SEEING THEM

28. How to Look at Where Your Family Is

Sharing is only half of it. When family shares back with you, you will want to know how to look. The good news is it is the same app and the same People or Location sharing screen, just reading instead of setting up.

- 1 Open Find My or Google Maps on your phone
- 2 Go to the People or Location sharing section
- 3 Tap a person's name to see them on the map
- 4 Read the place name and the time it was last updated
- 5 Close the app; you do not need to leave it running

TIP

Always glance at the time stamp, not just the dot. A location from an hour ago tells a different story than one from a moment ago, especially overnight.

ARRIVAL ALERTS

29. Getting a Nudge When Someone Arrives

Both Find My and Life360 can send a little message when a person arrives at or leaves a place you name, such as the airport or home. For a worried family member, this is gentler than staring at the map, because the phone taps them on the shoulder only when something happens.

You can set these up so your daughter gets a note the moment your plane lands and you reach the terminal, without her watching the screen all afternoon. It is an optional nicety, not a must, but many families love it.

GOOD TO KNOW

These arrival notices are set up by the person watching the map, on their own phone. You do not have to do anything on your end beyond sharing your location.

IF YOU LOSE THE PHONE

30. Sharing Helps If the Phone Goes Missing

A happy side benefit of location sharing is that it doubles as a way to find a misplaced phone. If you set your phone down in a cafe or a taxi, a family member you share with can see on their map exactly where it is, which often means getting it back.

On an iPhone this ties into the same Find My system that can make the phone play a sound or lock it. Having a trusted person able to see your phone's last spot is one more small safety net while you travel.

TIP

If your phone ever goes missing, call a family member who shares with you and ask them to look at the map. They may spot it faster than you can from a borrowed phone.

COMMON WORRIES

31. The Questions People Ask Me Most

A handful of concerns come up every time I set this up for someone, and the answers are reassuring.

- Can strangers see me? No, only the people you personally invite
- Does it cost money? The built-in tools are free; only some apps charge
- Will it wear out my battery? A little, far less than people fear
- Can I turn it off? Yes, in two taps, any time, with no notice to others

GOOD TO KNOW

Nearly every worry about location sharing comes down to control, and you have all of it. You choose who, how long, and when to stop.

MISTAKES TO AVOID

32. A Few Easy Slip-Ups to Sidestep

Location sharing is forgiving, but a couple of small mistakes trip people up. Knowing them in advance keeps your experience smooth and your family calm.

- Sharing with a phone that is off or out of battery shows nothing
- Forgetting you shared with someone an old trip ago
- Expecting a live, moving dot instead of occasional updates
- Not warning family that a plane or a cruise will freeze your dot

WATCH OUT

The most common slip is letting old sharing linger. Once or twice a year, open the app and look at who can see you, then remove anyone who should not.

KIDS AND GRANDKIDS

33. Sharing With Grandchildren on a Trip

When grandchildren travel with you, or when you want to coordinate with their parents, location sharing helps everyone feel secure. You can share your location with your adult children so they can follow along as you take the grandkids on an adventure, and they can share back so you see them too.

For older grandchildren with their own phones, a family circle in Life360 or mutual sharing in Google Maps helps the group stay together on a busy day out. It is a modern comfort for the generation raising kids who grew up with phones.

GOOD TO KNOW

Location sharing is for people's phones, used by agreement. It is a tool for staying coordinated as a family, best used openly and with everyone's knowledge.

WHEN TO USE WHICH

34. Matching the Tool to the Moment

You will get the most out of sharing if you match the method to the situation rather than using one for everything. A quick link suits a single outing. Ongoing sharing in Find My or Google Maps suits a whole trip. A Life360 circle suits a family that wants to stay connected every day, trip or not.

- A single outing: send a one-time link that expires on its own
- A whole trip: turn on ongoing sharing, then stop it when home
- A group traveling together: everyone in one circle or shared map
- An everyday arrangement: a steady mutual share with a spouse

TIP

There is no need to overthink it. For most trips, turn on ongoing sharing with one or two people before you leave, and switch it off when you walk back in the door.

A TRIP ROUTINE

35. A Gentle Routine for Every Trip

The travelers who get the most from location sharing fold it into a small, calm routine. It takes almost no effort once it becomes a habit, like checking you have your keys before you leave the house.

Before you go, turn on sharing with your chosen person and send a quick note that you have done so. During the trip, drop a one-line hello each day. When you get home, switch the sharing off. That is the whole routine, and it replaces a great deal of worry with a few seconds of effort.

- Before you leave: turn on sharing and tell your person
- Each day: a short text or photo as a check-in
- Off the grid: warn family so a still dot is expected
- Back home: turn the trip sharing off

GOOD TO KNOW

Once this becomes second nature, it quietly removes a layer of travel stress for the whole family. A few taps replace a lot of wondering.

YOUR CHECKLIST

36. Your Pre-Trip Location-Sharing Checklist

Run through this before you travel and you are set.

- Picked one or two trusted people to share with
- Chosen the right tool for everyone's phones
- Turned on sharing and confirmed they can see you
- Agreed on a rough check-in rhythm
- Warned family that planes and cruises freeze the dot
- Know how to turn sharing off when you get home

TIP

Do the setup at home, unhurried, and test it with your person before you leave. A calm five minutes at the kitchen table beats fumbling at the gate.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

37. You Do Not Need Every Feature

These apps can do a great deal, with alerts, histories, driving reports, and more. You are welcome to ignore almost all of it. The heart of location sharing is one small thing: a trusted person can glance at a map and see you are all right. That alone is worth the setup.

WATCH OUT

Learn the one task that matters: turn sharing on, turn it off. Everything else is a bonus you can explore later, or never, as you please.

ROAD TRIP ETA

38. Sharing Your Arrival Time on a Drive

Location sharing is wonderful for a long drive, because the people expecting you can see how far away you are without calling and distracting you at the wheel. When you set up directions in Google Maps or Apple Maps, there is also a Share trip option that sends a live view of your route and your estimated arrival time.

- 1 Start your directions in Google Maps or Apple Maps
- 2 Look for a Share trip progress or Share ETA option
- 3 Pick the family member expecting you
- 4 They receive a live view of where you are and when you will arrive
- 5 The sharing ends on its own when you reach your destination

TIP

Sharing your trip means nobody has to call to ask where you are. They watch your little arrow approach and put the kettle on at just the right moment.

TIME OPTIONS

39. Understanding the For How Long Choices

When you turn on sharing, you are asked how long to share, and it helps to know what each choice really means. A one-hour share is for a single short outing and stops itself. An until-end-of-day share covers an afternoon or evening. An until-you-turn-it-off, or indefinite, share stays on for as long as you like, which suits a whole trip.

- One hour: a quick errand or a short drive
- Until end of day: an afternoon out or an evening event

- Until you turn it off: a full trip, with you in charge of stopping it
- You can change or stop any of these at any time

GOOD TO KNOW

The timed options are tidy because they clean up after themselves. If you forget to stop a one-hour share, it stops for you, so there is nothing lingering.

WI-FI OR CELLULAR

40. Does Sharing Need Wi-Fi or Cell Service?

Sharing your location needs your phone to reach the internet, and it does not care whether that is over cell service or Wi-Fi. When you have a cell signal, it updates as you move. When you are on Wi-Fi, such as in a hotel, it updates whenever the phone connects. Either way works.

This is useful to know abroad, where you might keep cell data off to avoid charges. Your location simply pauses until you reach Wi-Fi, then updates. It is the same quiet behavior whether the connection is cell or Wi-Fi.

GOOD TO KNOW

No special data plan is needed for sharing beyond whatever gets your phone online. On hotel Wi-Fi alone, your family can still see where you are each evening.

A NEIGHBOR TOO

41. Sharing With a Neighbor or House-Sitter

Location sharing is not only for far-flung family. If a neighbor or a friend is watching your house while you travel, a quick temporary share lets them reach you easily and know your rough whereabouts if they need to ask about the mail or a package. You can share for the length of the trip and stop when you return.

TIP

Pair this with a shared phone number and a simple agreement about when to call. A neighbor who can both see your rough location and reach you will handle most house questions without a fuss.

SWITCHING PHONES

42. If You Get a New Phone

When you move to a new phone, your location sharing usually comes right along, because it is tied to your Apple or Google account, not the phone itself. Sign in to the same account on the new phone and your sharing list is there waiting. It is worth a quick check, though, to be sure everything carried over before a trip.

GOOD TO KNOW

After setting up a new phone, open Find My or Google Maps and confirm your sharing is still on and your people are still listed. A thirty-second check saves a surprise at the airport.

WHEN TO CALL

43. When It Is Worth Calling Me

Most people can set this up themselves in a few minutes with this guide beside them. But if the app will not connect, if you are not sure which tool fits your family's mix of phones, or if you would simply rather have someone sit with you and walk through it once, that is exactly what I am here for. My first in-home visit is a flat \$99, and a remote screen-share session, where I help over the phone while seeing your screen, is \$49.

TIP

I can set up sharing for you and a family member in one visit, test it together, and show both of you how to turn it off, so you leave on your trip with one less thing to worry about. Call (330) 200-8042 or ask Sophie, our phone and chat helper, to book a time.

CHEAT SHEET

Everyday Cheat Sheet

Keep this page handy for your trip. It is the short answer to the questions families ask most about sharing your location.

- All iPhones: use Find My, People tab, Share My Location
- Mixed phones: use Google Maps, profile picture, Location sharing
- Want alerts and history: try Life360, free basics plus paid plans
- Just one outing: send a link that expires on its own
- Choose one or two trusted people, not a crowd
- Share for an hour, the day, or until you turn it off

- Turn it off in two taps when you get home, no notice to anyone
- Send a one-line check-in each day so a still dot never worries anyone
- Only the people you invite can see you; it is never public
- Get help: call Bill at (330) 200-8042

AT A GLANCE

A Picture to Follow Along

Which Sharing Tool Fits Your Family?

Match the tool to the phones your family carries.

All iPhones

Apple Find My
Free and built in
People tab

Mixed Phones

Google Maps
Works on both
Needs Google account

Want More

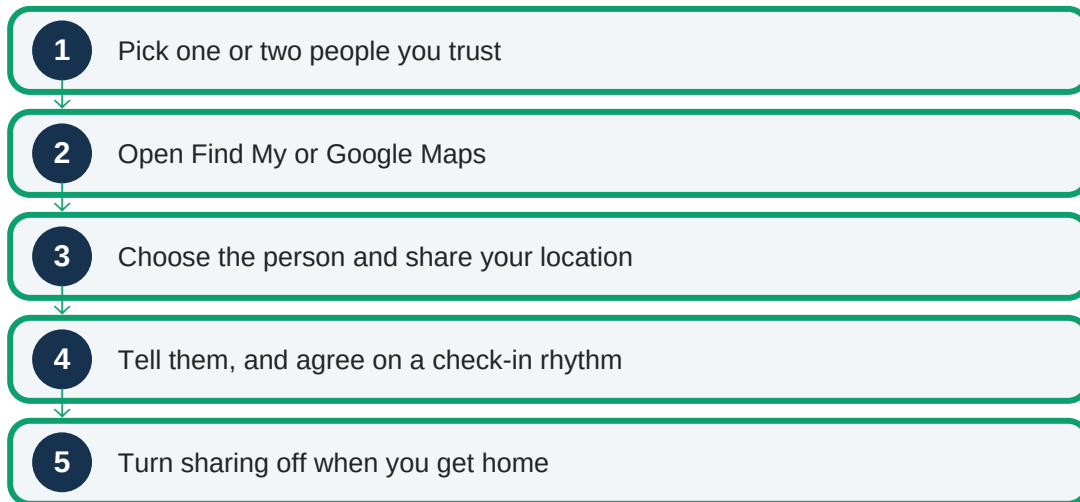
Life360 app
Alerts and history
Free plus paid plans

AT A GLANCE

A Second Look

Turning On Sharing for a Trip

Set it up at home, then switch it off when you return.



BEFORE YOU GO

A Note From Bill

A quick note from Bill. I write these guides to make home tech a little less frustrating, and I do my best to keep every step accurate and up to date. Still, every home, device, and setup is a bit different, so I can't promise a guide will match yours exactly or fix your particular problem. These guides are for general information only — they're not professional, legal, or financial advice, and they don't replace your device's own manual or the manufacturer's instructions. Please go slow, use your own good judgment, and use everything here at your own risk. If a step involves electrical wiring, a gas appliance, a water heater, plumbing, or climbing a ladder — or if anything just doesn't feel safe — please stop and call a licensed professional (or give me a call at 330-200-8042). Bill's Home Tech and Bill Davis can't be responsible for any damage, data loss, or injury that results.



HOW I CAN HELP

Your Visit — and My Promise

In-home visit — \$99 flat for your first visit. No contracts and no surprise charges, and a 30-day follow-up is included.

Remote Support — \$49 for a screen-share session. I only connect with your permission, you watch the whole time, and you can end anytime. If I can't fix it over the screen-share, I refund the \$49 — and if it turns out you need me in person, that \$49 goes toward your visit. It's included free for Support Plan members (\$39/mo).

GOOD TO KNOW

My promise — If you're not 100% satisfied with your visit, I'll come back at no charge, or refund the full \$99. No questions, no awkwardness. That's how I'd want to be treated.

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