

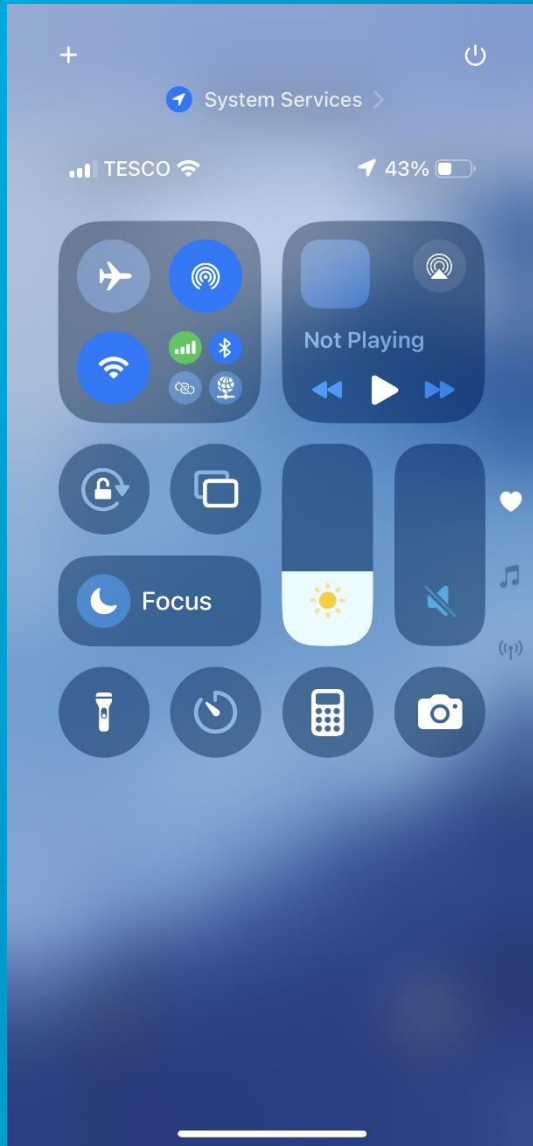
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Phones are being stolen

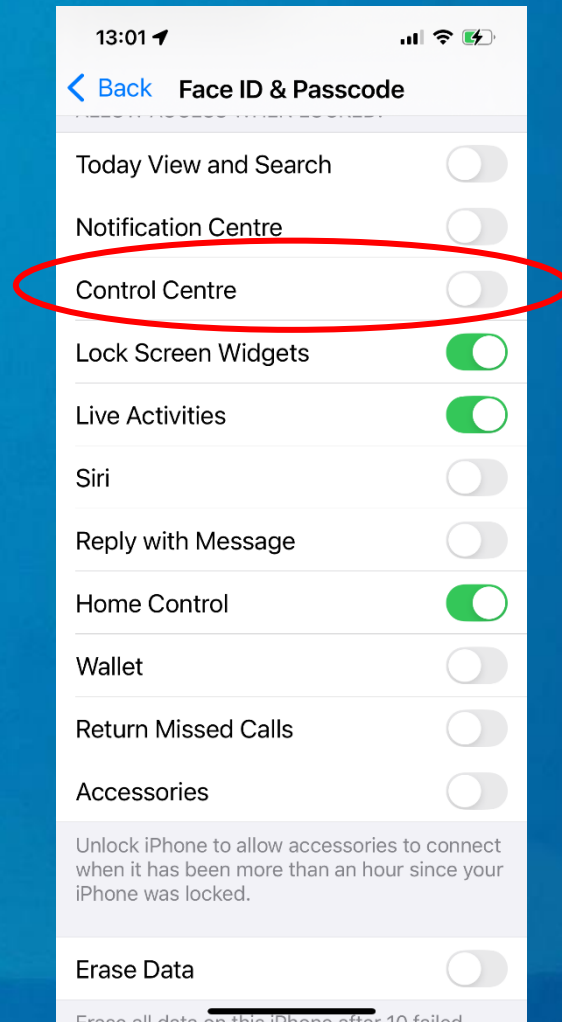
**How to Protect
your iPhone**



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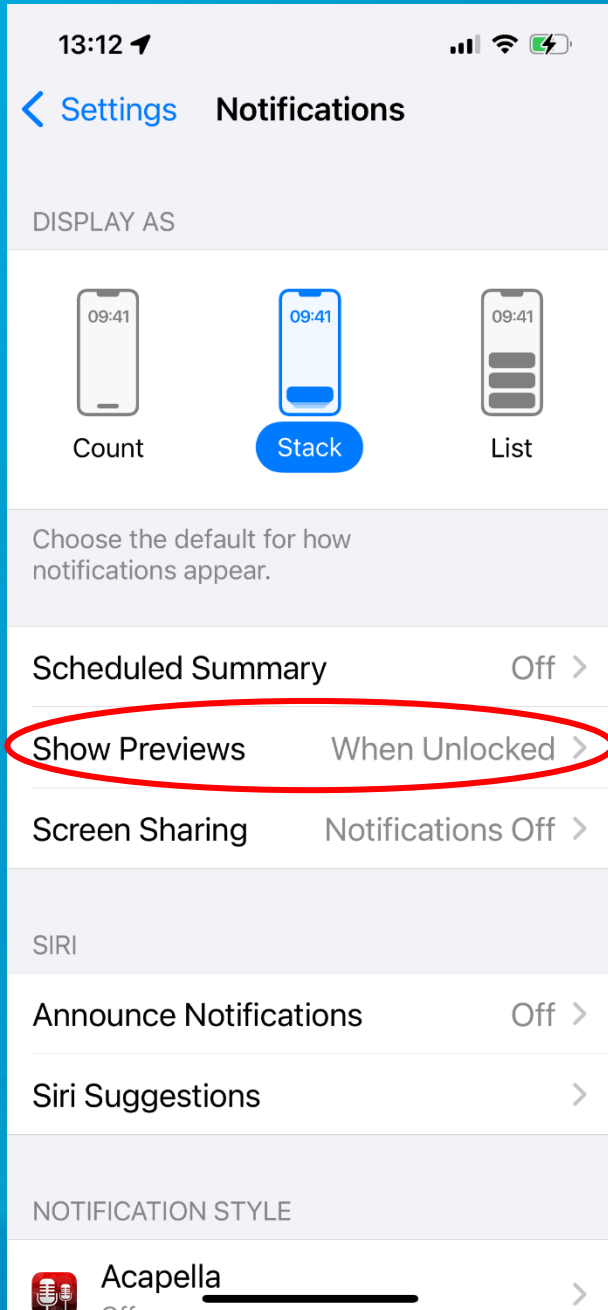
The longer you can keep a thief out of your phone the more time you get to lock down your data.



Even though your phone is locked, the thief can swipe down to access the Control Centre and switch it into Airplane mode to make it harder to trace.

Go into settings > Face ID & Passcode & switch off Control Centre



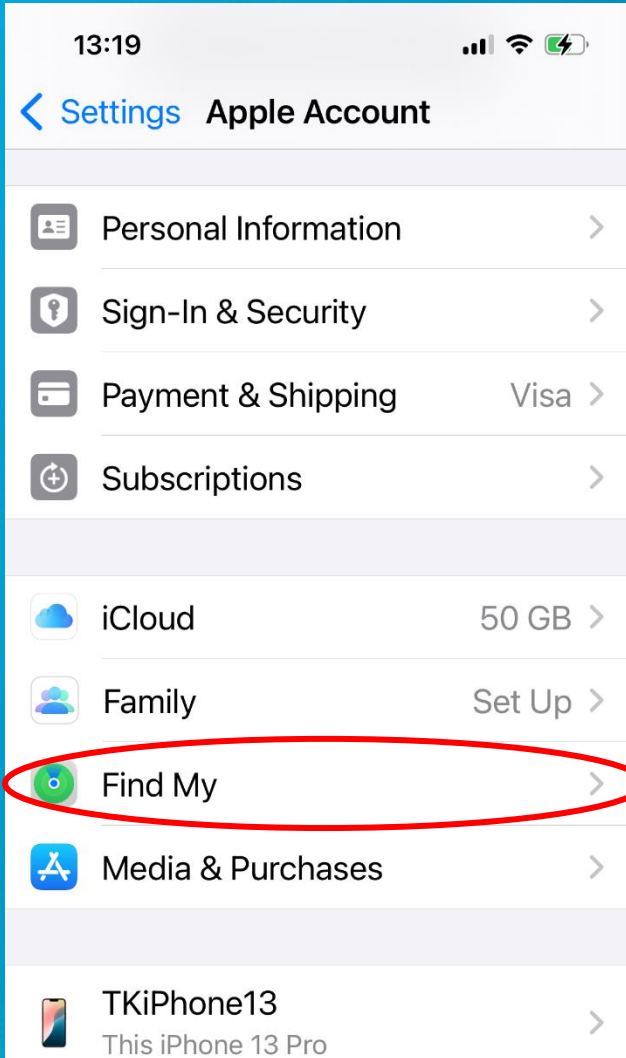


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Again when your phone is locked, you may have message preview on & a Message, Text or a One-Time Passcode could appear.

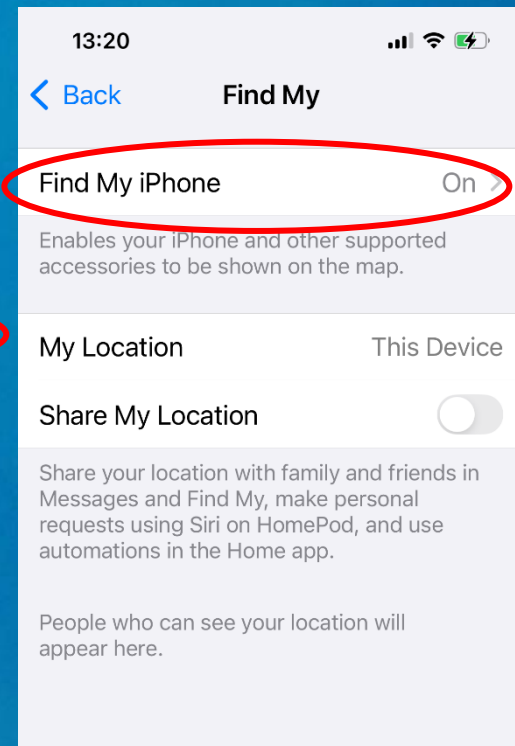
Go into settings > Notifications & switch off Show Previews



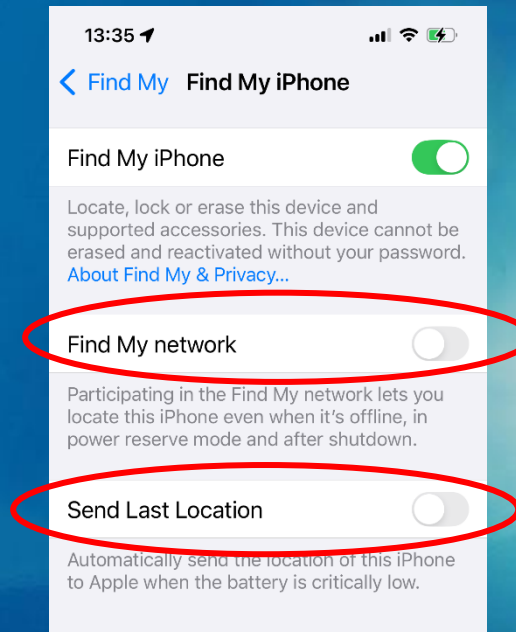


Having delayed the thief, you could track your phones location is "Find My Phone" feature is switched on .

Go into settings > Apple Account > Find My and switch on Find My iPhone

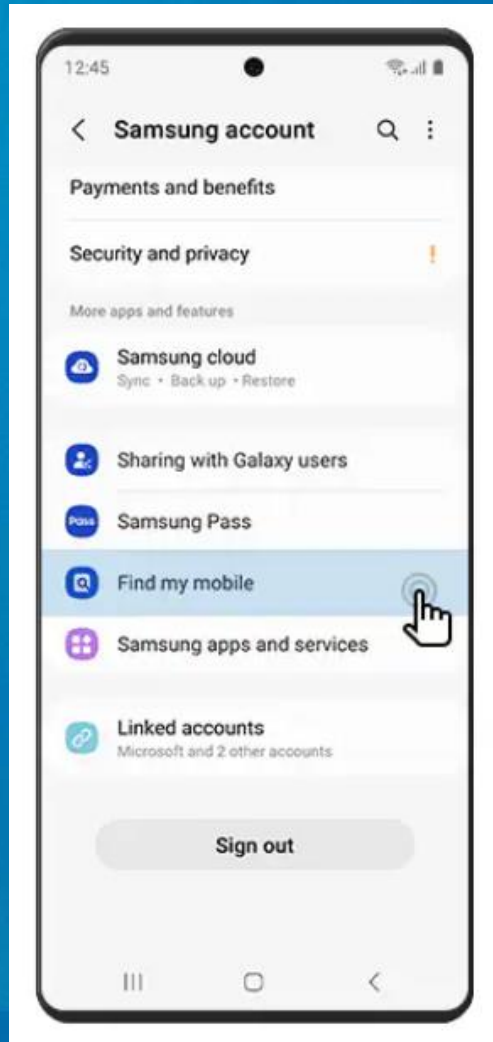
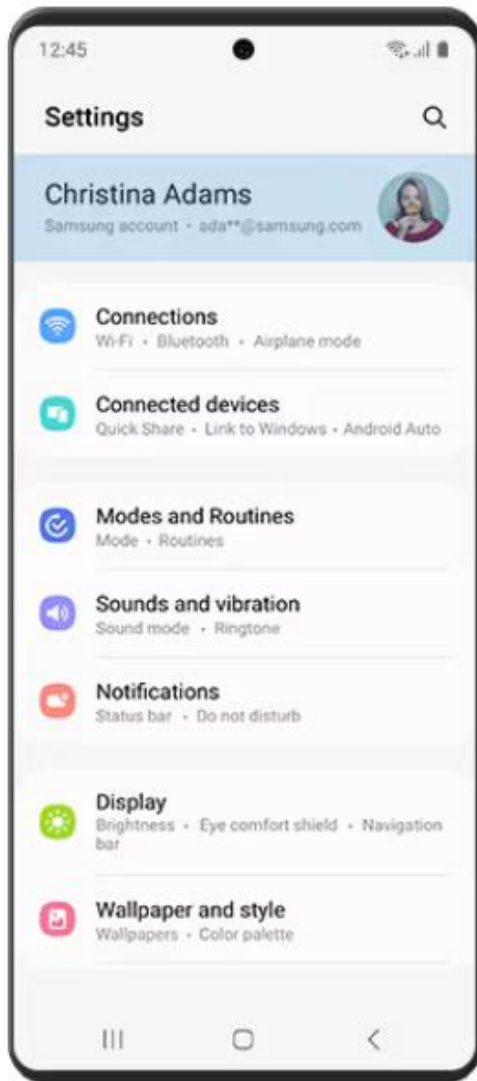


To make visible even when the phone is turned off
Go to settings > Apple Account > Find My > Find My Phone & switch on Find My network & Send Last Location.



On a Samsung Phone.....

Having delayed the thief, you could track your phones location is "Find my mobile" feature is switched on .



Go into settings > User Account > Find my mobile and switch on Find my mobile

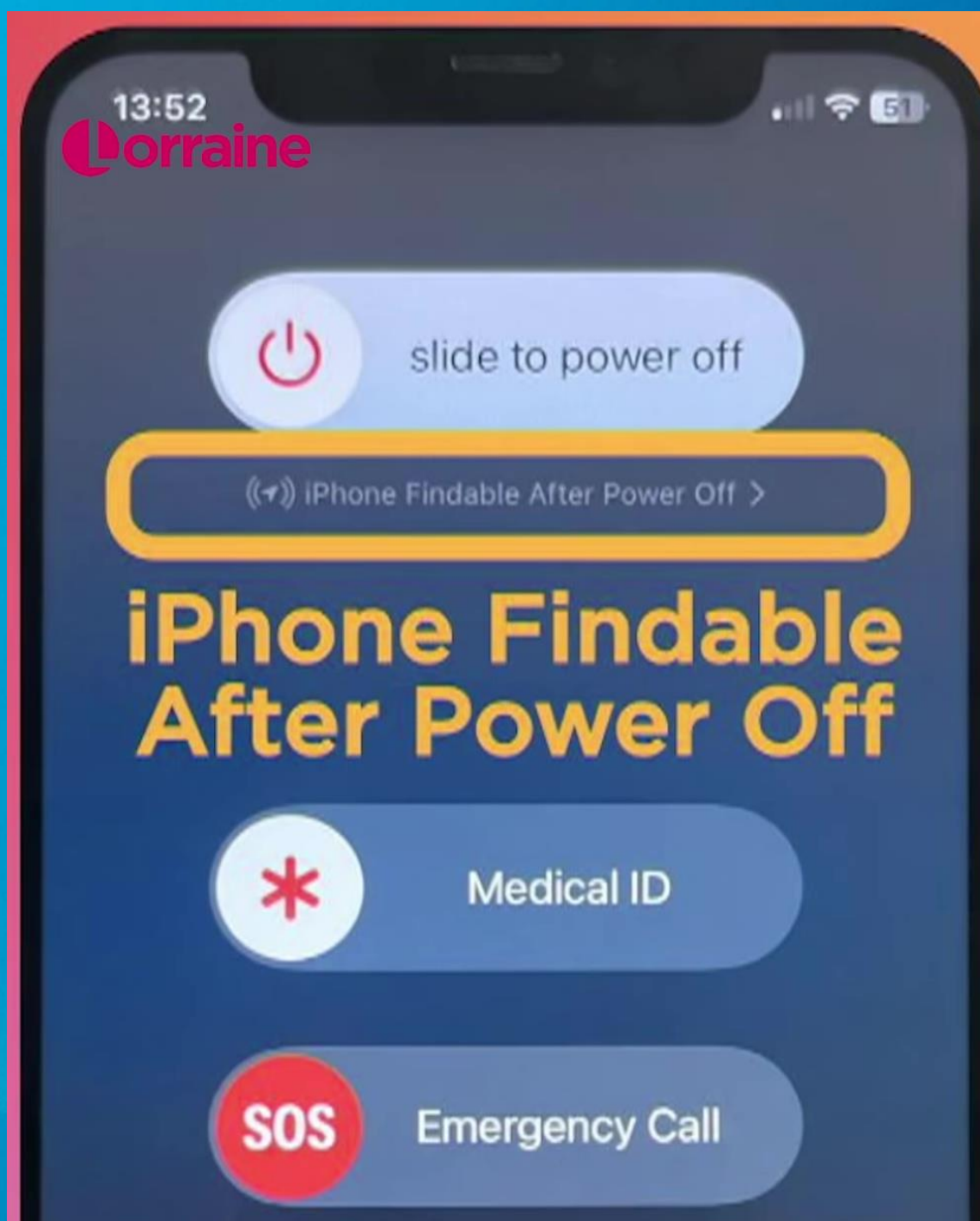
To enable locate your phone f
Set the Allow this phone to be found



On a Google Phone

- 1.Go to your Settings app.
- 2.Select 'Google' and the 'All services' tab.
- 3.Select 'Theft Protection'.
- 4.Turn on the 'Theft Detection Lock' and 'Offline Device Lock' toggles.





If the thief gets a phone that's switched on and tries to switch it off to prevent tracking, they will see the message

"iPhone Findable After Power Off"

Hopefully this might cause the phone to be discarded.



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Finally, make sure you have your phone's unique identifier in case you need to report a thief.

This is the IMEI number and you can see this by entering *#06# into your telephone keypad.

Grab a screen shot of this and email it to yourself for saving off your phone.



The End