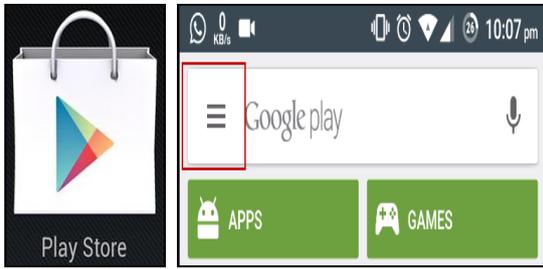
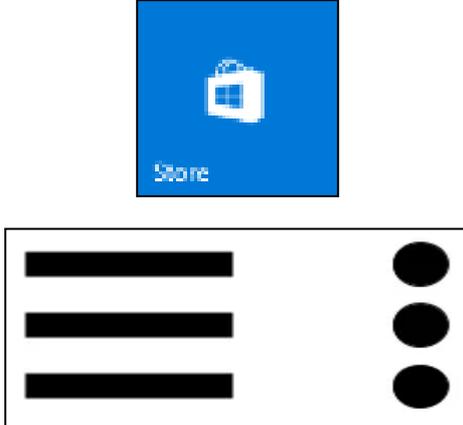
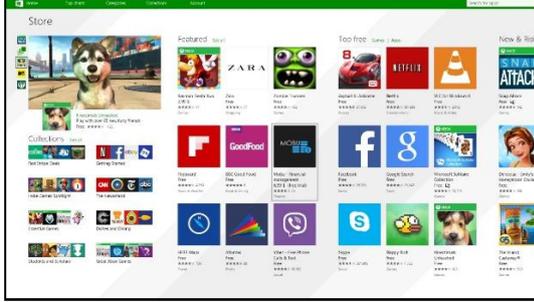


# WhatsApp Messenger

How to keep safe and update WhatsApp		
1	<p>WhatsApp is a Facebook owned app that allows you to text, send photos and videos with mobile phone contacts. It's free to download and free to use as it uses your data to send messages. 1.5 billion people use WhatsApp globally.</p>	
2	<p>WhatsApp has recently announced they've been the victim of a hack. This hack was a security bug that allowed people to take over your phone, simply by calling it regardless of if you answered the call or not.</p>	
3	<p>This spyware once installed is capable of trawling through calls, texts and other data, activating the phones camera and microphone and performing other malicious activities.</p> <p>All brands of smartphone have been affected by this bug including Apple, Android and windows devices.</p>	
4	<p>To prevent yourself from being a victim of the hack, we have 2 options. The first is to uninstall WhatsApp and the second is to update WhatsApp. We are going to have a look at how to update WhatsApp. If you do want to completely uninstall WhatsApp, we can help you with that as well.</p>	
5	<p>It is important to regularly make sure all your apps are up to date as they often contain fixes and patches for issues that may be affecting the app's performance including potential security risks. You can check these manually or set your device to automatically update your apps to the latest version.</p>	

<p>6</p>	<p>We are going to look at 4 different operating systems for smartphones and how you can make sure your WhatsApp is running on the latest version. We are going to look at Apple, Android, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Firstly, we will have a look at Android devices. You need to go to the Play Store and then tap on the Menu icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen.</p> <p>Select 'My apps &amp; games'. This will present you a list of updates for apps installed on your device. You can tap on 'Update' next to WhatsApp Messenger, and the latest version of the WhatsApp app will be downloaded and installed on to your android smartphone.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can go to the play store and search for WhatsApp. You can then tap 'Update' under where it says WhatsApp and the latest version will start to download and then be installed on your device.</p>	 
<p>8</p>	<p>We are then going to look at how to update WhatsApp on an Apple smartphone. You start off by heading to the App store and tapping 'Updates' from the toolbar across the bottom of the screen. You can then tap 'Update' next to WhatsApp Messenger and it will begin to be downloaded and installed on to your device.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can go to the App store and search for WhatsApp by selecting the 'Search' icon from the toolbar the runs along the bottom of the screen. You can then 'Update' from next to it and begin the updating process.</p>	  <p>The toolbar is split between 5 icons – Today, Games, Apps, Updates and Search. When selected the icon turns blue.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>We are now going to look at how to update WhatsApp for 2 different versions of Windows smartphones.</p> <p>Windows 8.1 and 10 are different versions hence the need for slightly different instructions</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>To update WhatsApp for a Windows smartphone operating on Windows 8.1, you firstly have to go to the 'Store' and select the menu icon. From there select 'My apps', then WhatsApp and then 'Update'.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can go to the store and search for WhatsApp. This will allow you to specifically select to update WhatsApp.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Finally, we are going to look at how to update WhatsApp on a smartphone using Windows 10.</p> <p>You first have to go to the Microsoft Store and tap on the menu icon. From there you can select 'My Library' and then tap update next to WhatsApp. Again, you can specifically search for the WhatsApp app itself using the search function. This allows you to select WhatsApp and update it by downloading and installing the latest version.</p>	

## Notes