

How to get started

This is a short guide how to install the Signal app on your mobile device and setup an account.

Step 1: Download Signal

- **On your phone (Android/iOS):**
 - Go to the **Google Play Store** (Android) or **App Store** (iOS).
 - Search for "**Signal Private Messenger**".
 - Tap **Install** and wait for the app to download.
 - **On your computer (optional):**
 - Visit signal.org/download and download the desktop app for Windows, macOS, or Linux.
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Step 2: Open Signal and Register

1. **Open the Signal app** on your phone.
2. Tap "**Continue**" on the welcome screen.
3. Enter your **phone number** (make sure it's correct—Signal will send a verification code).
4. Tap "**Register**".

Signal app is seen on a smartphone in this illustration taken

(Example: Signal registration screen—you'll see a field for your phone number.)

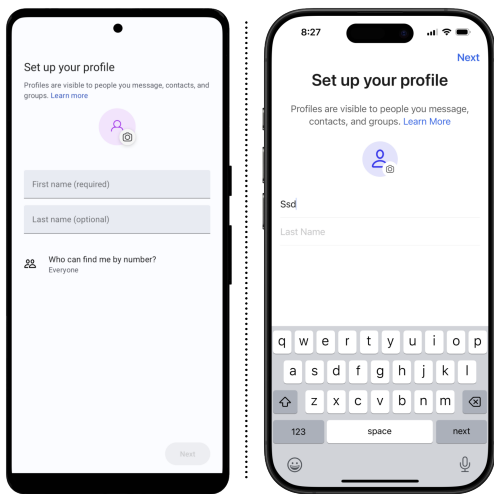
Step 3: Verify Your Phone Number

1. Signal will send you a **6-digit verification code** via SMS.
2. Enter the code in the app.
3. If you don't receive the code, tap "**Resend code**" or "**Call me**" to get it via a phone call.

(Note: Signal requires a real phone number for registration.)

Step 4: Set Up Your Profile

1. After verification, Signal will ask for your **profile name** (this can be your real name or a nickname).
2. You can also add a **profile picture** (optional).
3. Tap "**Continue**".



Step 5: Set a PIN (Optional but Recommended)

- Signal will prompt you to create a **4-digit PIN** to secure your account and backups.
- Choose a PIN you'll remember and confirm it.

(This PIN helps recover your account if you switch phones.)

Step 6: Allow Permissions

- Signal will ask for permission to access your **contacts, microphone, and camera** (for calls and media sharing).
 - Tap "**Allow**" for each permission to enable full functionality.
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Step 7: Start Chatting!

- Signal will automatically sync your contacts (if allowed) and show you who else is using Signal.
- Tap the **pencil icon** (✎) to start a new chat.
- Search for a contact and send your first message.



(Example: Signal chat screen—tap the pencil icon to start a conversation.)

Optional: Link Signal to Your Computer

1. Install the Signal App on your computer first
2. Open Signal on your **phone** and go to **Settings > Linked Devices**.
3. Open Signal on your **computer** and scan the QR code shown there with your phone.

(This syncs your messages across devices.)

Troubleshooting Tips

- **No verification code?** Check your SMS or request a call.
- **Contacts not showing?** Ensure Signal has permission to access your contacts.
- **Need help?** Visit [Signal Support](#).

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