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#Whatsapp Privacy & Term of Service Thread:

I am sharing screenshots of their ToSs, please have a look.

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other information to your account, such as a profile picture and "about" information.



- **Your Messages.** We do not retain your messages in the ordinary course of providing our Services to you. Instead, your messages are stored on your device and not typically stored on our servers.



Once your messages are delivered, they are deleted from our servers. The following scenarios describe circumstances where we may store your messages in the course of delivering them:




- **Undelivered Messages.** If a message cannot be delivered immediately (for example, if the recipient is offline), we keep it in encrypted form on our servers for up to 30 days as we try to deliver it. If a message is still undelivered after 30 days, we delete it.





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- **Media Forwarding.** When a user forwards media within a message, we store that media temporarily in encrypted form on our servers to aid in more efficient delivery of additional forwards.

BUT



We offer end-to-end encryption for our Services. End-to-end encryption means that your messages are encrypted to protect against us and third parties from reading them. Learn more about [end-to-end encryption](#) and [how businesses communicate with you on WhatsApp](#).



- Location Information. We collect and use precise location information from your device with your permission when you choose to use location-related features, like when you decide to share your location with your contacts or view locations nearby or locations others have shared with you. There are certain settings relating to location-related information which you can find in your device settings or the in-app settings, such as location sharing. Even if you do not use our location-related features, we use IP addresses and other information like phone number area codes to estimate your general location (e.g., city and country). We also use your location information for diagnostics and troubleshooting purposes.

This information is already used by every website you visit. So, nothing to worry about this one too.





mobile phone number to create an account to use our Services.



Our Services have optional features which, if used by you, require us to collect additional information to provide such features. You will be notified of such collection, as appropriate. If you choose not to provide the information needed to use a feature, you will be unable to use the feature. For example, you cannot share your location with your contacts if you do not permit us to collect your location data from your device.

Permissions can be managed through your Settings menu on both [Android](#) and [iOS](#) devices.



- **Third-Party Service Providers.**
We work with third-party service providers and other [Facebook Companies](#) to help us operate, provide, improve, understand, customize, support, and market our Services. We work with these companies to support our Services, such as to provide technical infrastructure, delivery and other systems; market our Services; conduct surveys and research for us; protect the safety, security and integrity of users and others; and assist with customer service. When we share information with third-party service providers and other [Facebook Companies](#) in this capacity, we require them to use your information on our behalf in accordance with our instructions and terms.

Why does Whatsapp use Facebook?

How those companies use your data?



accordance with our instructions and terms.



Here is what you need to think about.

So, its NOT Whatsapp that you should be worried about.

- **Third-Party Services.** When you or others use third-party services or other [Facebook Company Products](#) that are integrated with our Services, those third-party services may receive information about what you or others share with them. For example, if you use a data backup service integrated with our Services (like iCloud or Google Drive), they will receive information you share with them, such as your WhatsApp messages. If you interact with a third-party service



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Law, Our Rights, And Protection

Why Whatsapp collects your information?

So, its necassry to provide you safe, secure and smooth services.

We access, preserve, and share your information described in the "[Information We Collect](#)" section of this Privacy Policy above if we have a good-faith belief that it is necessary to: (a) respond pursuant to applicable law or regulations, legal process, or government requests; (b) enforce our Terms and any other applicable terms and policies, including for investigations of potential violations; (c) detect, investigate, prevent, or address fraud and other illegal activity or security and technical issues; or (d) protect the rights, property, and safety of our users, WhatsApp, the other [Facebook Companies](#), or others, including to prevent death or imminent bodily harm.



Our Global Operations



Where they store
your information?

WhatsApp shares information globally, both internally within the [Facebook Companies](#) and externally with our partners and service providers, and with those with whom you communicate around the world, in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

Your information may, for example, be transferred or transmitted to, or stored and processed in, the United States; countries or territories where the [Facebook Companies'](#) affiliates and partners, or our service providers are located; or any other country or territory globally where our Services are provided outside of where you live for the purposes as described in this Privacy Policy. WhatsApp uses Facebook's global infrastructure and data centers, including in the United States. These transfers are necessary to provide the global Services set forth in our Terms. Please keep in mind that the countries or territories to which your information is transferred may have different privacy laws and protections than what you have in your home country or territory.

Why?