

# Operating System Updates

Recently Apple released updates to the iPhone iOS 17.3 and the iPad iOS 17.3. Microsoft's latest update for Windows 10 is 22H2 and Windows 11 is 23H2. These updates are important for you to install to keep your system up to date. These cumulative updates contain new features and more importantly they fix various security holes that may make your system vulnerable to nefarious attacks.

These updates are not hard to install. For iPhone go to Settings, general then Software Update. For the iPad just go to Settings then Software Update.

Apple Update 17.3 features Stolen Device Protection, designed to protect iPhone users if they have their phone and passcode stolen. This stops potential thieves from locking you out with only your PIN. Unless you're in a designated familiar location, you need to use Touch ID or Face ID to change key settings. This is an opt-in feature in iOS 17.3, Apple says:

Accessing your saved passwords requires Face ID to be sure it's you

Changing settings like your Apple ID password is protected by a security delay

No delay is required when the iPhone is at a familiar location such as at home or work

This protection, with the feature turned on, actions like using passwords or passkeys, applying for an Apple Card, turning off Lost Mode, erasing an iPhone, and using payment methods saved with aniPhone will require biometric authentication. "No Passcode fallback when away from familiar locations." For more details go to [9to5mac.com](https://9to5mac.com).

1. To turn on Stolen Device Protection for iPhone:
2. Make sure you're running iOS 17.3
3. Go to Settings, Face ID & Passcode, enter Passcode
4. Now scroll down and turn on Stolen Device Protection. This requires Find My Phone to be on. To turn it on, go to Settings, select your name, turn on Find MyPhone.

The importance of keeping your devices up to date cannot be over stated, not just for your security but also for keeping your devices running smoothly. If you need help updating your devices the tech shop is there to help you. Tech Shop Ph

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