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15.1K The other day, one of my friends messaged me saying that her toddler had deleted the Messages app from her phone. She wanted to know how to reinstall the app on her phone and add it back to the home screen. This is what I told her. It's a pre-installed app and cannot be uninstalled. If you can't find it on your home screen, it must be hidden or present in the list of the apps. Here's how to add Messages app to home screen again on iPhone and Android. You can use the following three methods: Find the app using the Spotlight search Find in App Library Reset the home screen layout The Messages app icon could be hidden inside one of the folders on the home screen of your iPhone. Instead of manually checking each folder, you can use Spotlight search to find it. For that, swipe down on your iPhone's home screen to open the search bar and search for Messages. Drag the app icon back to your home screen. Or long press and select Add to home screen. Pro Tip: If the app is inside any folder on the home screen, you will see the folder name next to the app icon in the search result. There is a chance that the Spotlight search feature is turned off for the Messages app. If that's the case, you can find the Messages app in the App Library. To do so: 1. Swipe left multiple times on the home screen until you reach the last screen with app folders. This screen is the App Library. 2. Find the Messages app icon using the search bar at the top of the App Library search or look inside the Social folder. 3. Long press the Messages app icon and drag it upwards to your home screen or long-press the Messages app icon and select Add to the home screen. Pro Tip: Learn how to customize the home screen on your iPhone. If the above two methods didn't help, your final way is to reset the home screen layout which will remove all home screen customizations like custom folders, pages, etc. It will also add all the native apps in their original place on the home screen (just like a new iPhone) and keep third-party apps in App Library only, thus restoring the Messages app on the home screen. Resetting the home screen will not delete any data from your phone. To reset the home screen layout, go to Settings > General > Transfer or Reset iPhone (or Reset) > Reset > Reset home screen layout. On Android, the missing Messages app can be present in the App Drawer or under the Hidden Apps section. 1. Swipe up to open the app drawer on your Android phone or press the All Apps screen in the bottom row to see all the installed apps. 2. Type Messages in the search bar at the top and drag to the home screen. On some phones such as Samsung Galaxy, you can even long-press the app icon and select Add to home screen. If the Messages app icon isn't present in the App Drawer, you should also check under Hidden Apps. Use these steps for Samsung phones: 1. Open Settings and go to Home screen > Hide apps (or Hide apps on Home and Apps screens). 2. Tap on the (-) Remove icon on the Message app icon present under the Hidden Apps section. Press the Done button at the bottom. Now, look for the Messages app icon again in the app drawer. Hopefully, you will find it. Then, long press on it and select Add to Home. First, add the Messages icon to the home screen on your Android or iPhone. Then, simply drag the Messages icon to the bottom row. Please note that you can add only a limited number of apps (4 for iPhone and 4-5 for Android) in the bottom row. You might have to remove any existing app to place the Messages app. To remove any existing app from the bottom row, touch and hold it, drag it upwards towards the main home screen, and leave it there. Then, add the Messages app to the bottom row. Once you have added the Messages app icon on the home screen, know the meaning of various text message icons. 15.6K Can't find some of the installed apps or games on your Samsung Galaxy phone? That can happen if you've accidentally hidden your app, placed it inside one of the app folders, or disabled it. If you don't know the exact cause, work your way through the troubleshooting tips below to restore the missing app icons on your Samsung Galaxy phone. This may seem basic, but restarting your phone is one of the most effective ways to fix any temporary issues with it. If it's nothing major, this should restore the missing app icons on your Samsung phone and save you a lot of time. Press and hold the Power button to open the power menu. Then, tap Restart. After your phone reboots, open the app drawer and see if the app icons are back. One UI allows you to create app folders so that you can organize your apps and games better. If your missing app is inside one of the app folders, you won't be able to find it in the app drawer. Go through all the app folders on your phone and look for the missing app. Once you find it, you can drag the app out of the folder if you want. One UI, like most Android skins, lets you hide apps from the app drawer. If you've previously hidden an app or game on your phone, here's how you can unhide it. 1. Long press anywhere on the home screen and tap the Settings icon in the bottom right corner. 2. Scroll down and select Hide apps on Home and Apps screens. 3. Under Hidden apps, tap on the red minus symbol beside the app icon to unhide it. Then, tap Done at the bottom. Another reason why an app, particularly a system app like Play Store, may not appear on your Samsung phone is if you've previously disabled it. If that's the case, you can use the following steps to re-enable the app on your phone. 1. Open the Settings menu on your phone and navigate to Apps. 2. Scroll down or use the search tool to locate your app on the list and tap on it. Then, tap the Enable option at the bottom. Once enabled, the app should appear in the app drawer. If the app icon missing issue is limited to just one or two apps, you need to make sure that you haven't accidentally deleted those apps from your phone. Open Google Play Store and search for the app that's missing from your phone. If you see the Install button, you may have previously removed the app from your phone. If you see the Open button, tap on it to access your app or game. When you enable Game Launcher on your Samsung Galaxy phone, it automatically detects all the games installed on your phone and puts them in one place. This may lead you to believe that your downloaded games are missing from your phone. If you want all your games to appear in the app drawer, disable Game Launcher by navigating to Settings > Advanced features > Game Launcher. Are you using a custom icon pack on your phone? If so, some of your app icons may appear differently or may not appear at all. Here's what you can do to fix it. 1. Long press on your icon pack app and tap the info icon from the menu that appears. 2. Go to Storage and tap the Clear cache option at the bottom. If clearing the icon cache does not help, try switching to your phone's default icons and see if that fixes the issue. At times, problems with your phone's default launcher app can also cause app icons to disappear. Most of the time, you can fix such issues by clearing the temporary files collected by the launcher app. 1. Open the Settings app and go to Apps. 2. Scroll down to locate your launcher app on the list and tap on it. 3. Go to Storage and tap the Clear cache option at the bottom. If clearing the cache does not help, there might be an issue with the launcher app you're using. Perhaps a recent update has messed up icons, or the launcher app is failing to detect your installed apps for some reason. You can try changing the default launcher app on your phone and see if that works. 1. Open the Settings app and go to Apps. 2. Tap on Choose default apps. 3. Tap on Home app and select a different launcher from the following screen. Can I open an app that's missing from the app drawer? You can use Google Assistant or Bixby on your phone to quickly launch an app that's missing an icon. To do so, summon your virtual assistant and say the following command out loud to launch the app: open [app name]. How to enable the app drawer icon on a Samsung Galaxy phone? Tap and hold anywhere on the home screen and select Settings. Then, enable the toggle for Show Apps screen button on Home screen. By applying the above fixes, you should be able to bring back the missing app icons on your Samsung Galaxy phone. Once you've done that, check out how you can customize the app icons on your Samsung phone and give them a new look. appsiconssamsung galaxy phonestroubleshooting Have you accidentally removed the Messages app icon from your phone's home screen? Don't worry, you can easily add it back. Whether you're using an iPhone or an Android device, we've got you covered. In this article, we'll show you step-by-step instructions on how to restore the Messages app icon on your device. How to Add Messages App to iPhone Home Screen If you're an iPhone user, there are four methods you can try to add the Messages app icon back to your home screen. Method 1: Using App Library The new App Library feature introduced in iOS 14 makes it easier to find and organize your apps. If you accidentally removed the Messages app from the home screen, it should still be available in the App Library. Swipe left multiple times on the home screen until you reach the App Library screen. Look for the Social folder and tap on the four-apps icon at the bottom-right corner to view all the apps in the folder. Find the Messages app icon in the Social folder. Long press the icon and drag it upwards until the home screen appears. Release your finger, and the Messages app icon will be added to your home screen. Method 2: Using Folders If the Messages app icon is hidden inside a folder on your iPhone, you can manually search for it or use the Spotlight search feature. Swipe down on your iPhone's home screen to access the search bar. Type "Messages" in the search bar. Once the icon appears, long press it and drag it to the home screen. Method 3: Add Messages App to Bottom of iPhone If you prefer to have the Messages app icon at the bottom of your iPhone's home screen, follow these steps: Add the Messages app icon to the home screen using one of the methods mentioned above. Once the icon is on the home screen, touch and hold it, and drag it to the bottom row. If there is no space in the bottom row, you may need to remove an existing icon. Touch and hold the icon you want to remove, drag it up to the main home screen, and release it. Then, add the Messages app icon to the bottom row. Method 4: Reset Home Screen Layout on iPhone If none of the above methods work, you can reset the home screen layout to restore the Messages app icon to its original place. Open the Settings app on your iPhone. Go to General > Reset. Tap on Reset Home Screen Layout. How to Add Messages App to Home Screen on Android If you're using an Android device, follow these steps to restore the Messages app icon to your home screen. Open the App Drawer by swiping up on the home screen. Look for the Messages app icon in the App Drawer or inside folders. Once you find the Messages app icon, touch and hold it, and drag it to the home screen. How to Add Messages App to Home Screen on Samsung Samsung Galaxy phones have a similar process for adding the Messages app icon back to the home screen. Swipe up on the home screen to open the app drawer. Look for the Messages app icon on all pages and inside folders. You can also use the search feature in the app drawer. Once you find the Messages app icon, long press it and select "Add to home" from the menu. How to Add Messages App Icon to Bottom Row on Android If you want to place the Messages app icon back in the bottom row of your Android phone, follow these steps: Add the Messages app icon to the home screen using the previous method. Drag the Messages icon to the bottom row. Note that Android phones have a limited number of slots in the bottom row, usually 4-5. If there is no space, you'll need to remove an existing app to make room for the Messages app icon. To remove an app, touch and hold it, and then drag it upwards to the main home screen. Conclusion By following these simple steps, you can easily restore the Messages app icon on your iPhone or Android device. Whether you accidentally removed it from the home screen or it got hidden in a folder, these methods will help you bring it back. Enjoy seamless messaging once again! Jim's passion for Apple products ignited in 2007 when Steve Jobs introduced the first iPhone. This was a canon event in his life. Noticing a lack of iPad-focused content that is easy to understand even for "tech-noob", he decided to create Tabletmonkeys in 2011. Jim continues to share his expertise and passion for tablets, helping his audience as much as he can with his motto "One Swipe at a Time!" I do not work for Samsung or make Samsung Products but provide independent advice and valuable contributions. I also have an A54 and I have the exact same issue. Last week, two apps I was using nearly everyday disappeared. When I search for them they're still installed and I can access them, but the icons are missing. Today I noticed that all my custom icons like Whatsapp, Mimecast etc have disappeared from my home screen. The fact it's happening with numerous apps tell me it's not a problem with the apps, but the device or OS. What's even more irritating is I'm finding that my sessions are not persisting in some apps as they previously did. In my Outlook for example. Previously, I would only be prompted to re login if I had changed my password, but this morning for some arbitrary reason, I was logged out. Another app had also lost my saved credentials.