

# How to Know If Someone Has Blocked You on iMessage

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## Quick answer

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## 1. Check Message Status: "Delivered" or "Read" Missing

iMessage typically displays delivery and read receipts if enabled by the recipient. If your message shows "Delivered" under the last sent message, it means your message has reached the recipient. If their Read Receipts are enabled, you will see "Read" when they open the message.

However, if you don't see these status indicators, it could mean:

- The recipient has blocked you.
- Their device is turned off or out of network coverage.
- They have switched to a non-Apple device without disabling iMessage.
- They are in Focus Mode or Do Not Disturb, temporarily silencing notifications.

To confirm, try sending another message after some time or calling them directly.

## 2. Check iMessage Bubble Color

Apple distinguishes iMessage and SMS messages using different colors:

- Blue bubbles indicate an iMessage sent between Apple devices.
- Green bubbles mean the message was sent as a standard SMS via the cellular network.

If your previous conversations were in blue, but now all messages appear green, this could indicate that:

- The recipient has blocked you on iMessage.
- They have turned off iMessage.
- They are using an Android phone.

However, message color alone isn't definitive proof of being blocked, so checking other indicators is necessary.

## 3. Try Calling the Contact

If someone has blocked you on iMessage, your phone calls to them will behave differently:

- Your call will ring once and then go directly to voicemail.
  - You may hear an automated message like "This person is unavailable."
  - If they have blocked your number, your voicemail messages won't appear in their inbox.
- If you suspect blocking, try calling from another number to see if the behavior changes. However, use this as a last resort, as calling from a different number can be seen as intrusive.

## 4. Attempt to Use FaceTime

FaceTime follows similar rules to iMessage. If someone has blocked you:

- Your FaceTime calls will not go through.
- You may receive an error message like, "Cannot reach this person right now."
- Calls will not ring on the recipient's device.

If FaceTime calls fail consistently, this strengthens the possibility of being blocked.

## 5. Check for Focus Mode and Do Not Disturb Indicators

If a recipient has Focus Mode or Do Not Disturb enabled:

- You will see a moon icon next to their name in iMessage.
- A message like "[Person] has notifications silenced" may appear.

Unlike blocking, Focus Mode only delays notifications, meaning the recipient can still receive your message and respond later.

## 6. Try Contacting Through Other Platforms

Blocking on iMessage doesn't necessarily mean you're blocked on other platforms like:

- WhatsApp - Check if you can see their profile picture or last seen status.
- Facebook Messenger - Try sending a message and see if it gets delivered.
- Instagram - Look up their profile to see if it appears.

If you're blocked across multiple platforms, it's a stronger indication that the person is intentionally avoiding communication.

## 7. Turn Off Caller ID and Try Calling (Last Resort)

If you suspect that someone has blocked your number, you can disable caller ID and attempt a call. Here's how:

- Go to Settings > Phone.
- Tap Show My Caller ID.
- Toggle it off.

This will make your number appear as "Unknown" or "Private." If your call goes through normally this time, it could mean they have blocked your number.

However, use this approach cautiously, as it may be considered intrusive.

## Conclusion: Respect Boundaries

While these signs can help determine if someone has blocked you on iMessage, remember that it's important to respect the other person's privacy. If someone isn't responding, give them space. Persistently trying to contact someone who has blocked you can be seen as harassment.

If communication is crucial, consider reaching out through a mutual friend or an alternative channel. If the person does not respond, it's best to move on and focus on maintaining healthy communication habits.

By following these steps, you can get a clearer idea of whether you've been blocked on iMessage, but always remember to respect others' decisions regarding communication.