Top 5 Best Tricks to Improve Your iPhone Security

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In brief

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A smartphone is more than just a phone now. It is our personal statement and it has everything about us. It holds our personal information, financial details, our official emails, and many more.

Although iPhone activity monitor software are on the rise due to their monitoring capabilities, some of the other software in the market are marketed for spying on iPhones. These software can do a lot more than just monitoring. They can tell you location, check your emails and see your WhatsApp messages. But there are a few ways you can protect your iPhone these attacks. Here is a list of some methods to improve your iPhone Security:

1. Use fingerprint for security

Apple has recently launched its new iPhone X which has face recognition ID. But those of you who do not have a new iPhone or you are using the later versions of the iPhone, then you must protect your iPhone using fingerprint security. You cannot leave your phone unguarded. Locking your phone will protect your sensitive information and any iPhone activity monitor software from meddling.

So go to the Settings and then General Tab, open the option "Touch ID and Password Lock". You can now set either a numeric PIN or Touch ID fingerprint. Also, when opting for a PIN, steer clear from the commonly guessed combinations.

2. Use a Long tail Passphrase

If you use a PIN code for locking your iPhone, there is a one in a 1000 chance that it can be cracked. To have more security, a passcode that cannot be easily guessed by anyone, you can try using a passphrase.

For using this option, go to your iPhone Settings, select "Touch ID and Passcode" and then turn "Simple Passcode" off. This will allow you to make a longer passcode without any restrictions. You can create more complex combinations with upper and lowercase letters. You can also incorporate numbers and other symbols if you like.

3. Tweak your privacy setting

There are many apps installed on the phone. If you open an app for the first time after installing it, you will see it will ask for various permissions. By doing so, you give them access to various features or data on your phone.

Some apps even misuse this data as Facebook and Uber have been known to spy on their user’s data. Some of these apps can use your location, some can access your microphone and some even your camera.

Once you give permissions to these apps, you lose track of it and they keep squeezing the data out of your phone just like an iPhone activity monitor software. It is better not to give apps the liberty to operate within your iPhone. You can go to your settings and select the "Privacy" tab. In this section, you will be able to see all the permissions given to the apps, and you can turn them off from here.

4. Self-Destruct

Sometimes your phone has more than important data, some classified information that you do not want anyone to get hold of. In this case, you would want a higher level of security. Besides backing up the information, you can also command your iPhone to delete the data if someone tries to unlock the phone.

In the Settings section where you chose to change the passcode, there is an option "Erase Data". This option deletes all your data if your phone has been tried to unlock after 10 incorrect attempts. On the other hand, if you have a Touch ID enabled for unlocking, then you will be allowed only three attempts and then the phone will revert to PIN entry.

5. Disable Browser

If you are aware of the iPhone activity monitor software then you might know that these software give the browsing history information of the phone. Apple has Safari as its default browser and it can leak data even when your phone is unlocked.

An attacker can find your personal information by even asking you some questions and getting an idea out of them. To stop all this, go to setting and select "Touch ID & Passcode" and set "Allow Access When Locked" on the Siri to turn it off.