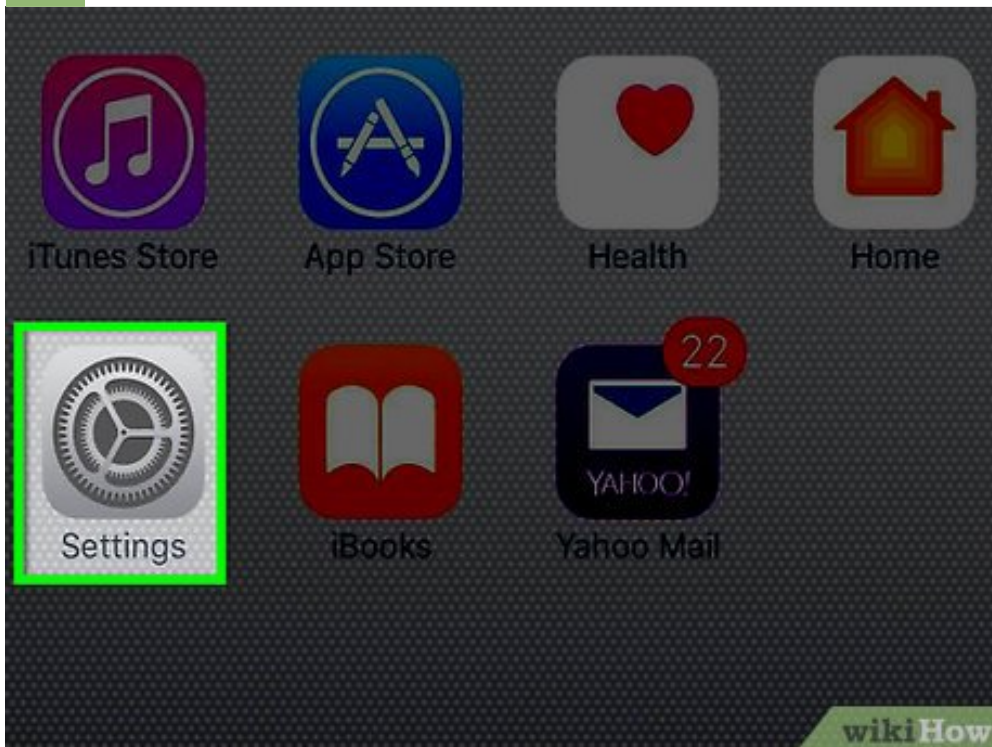# How to Enable FaceTime on an iPhone

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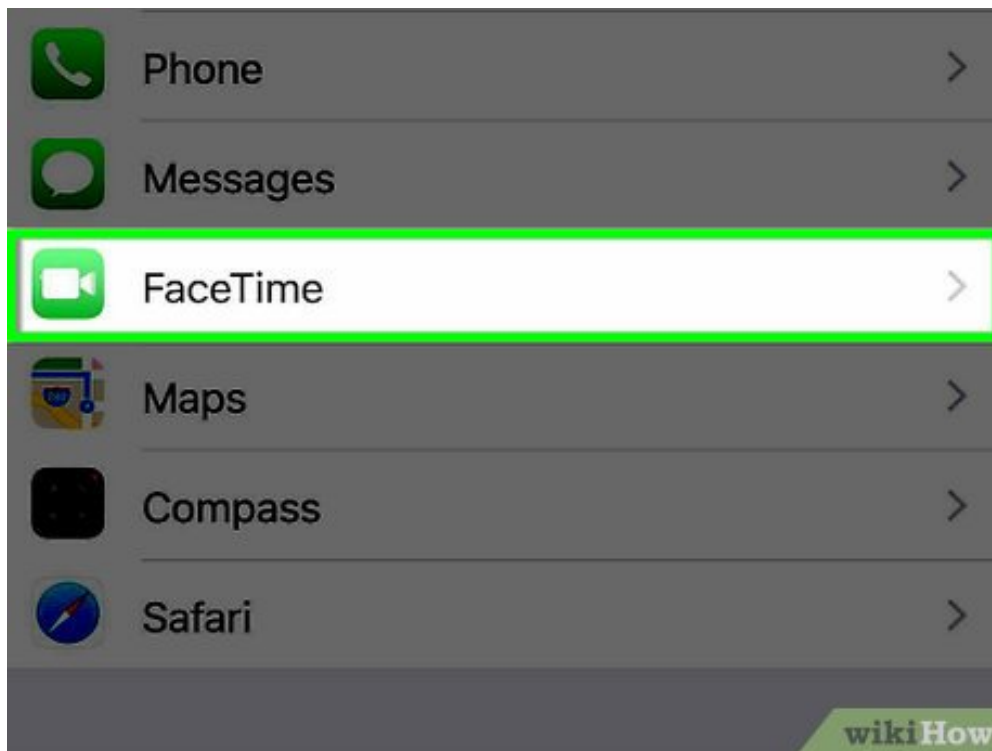Last Updated: March 29, 2019

This wikiHow teaches you how to reactivate FaceTime if its default settings have been changed and the app has been disabled.
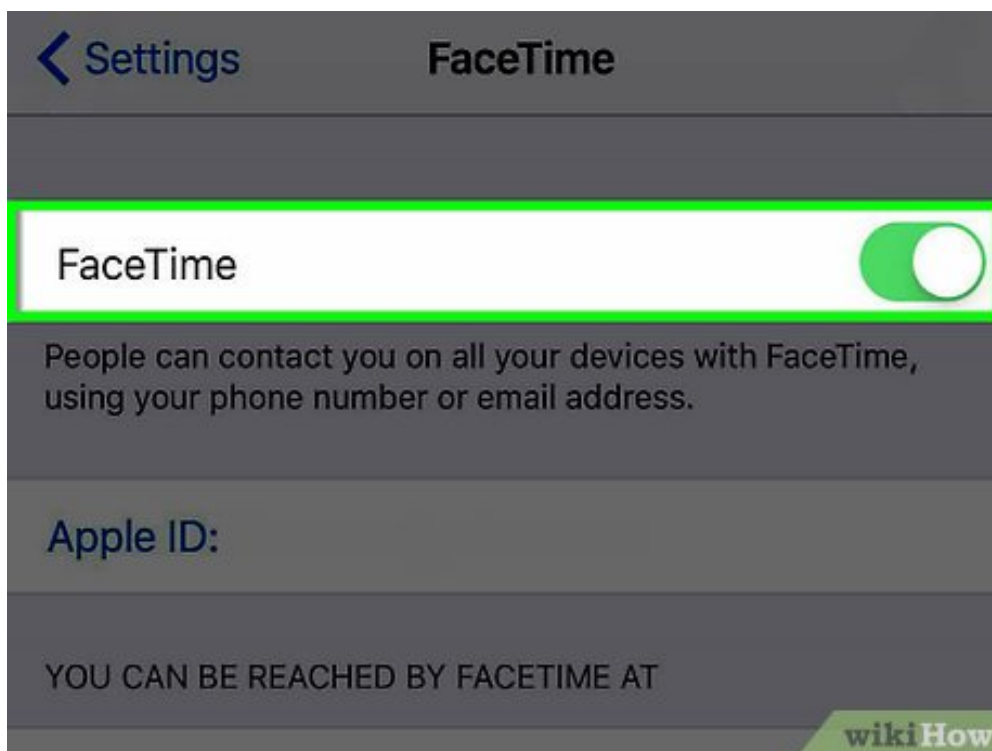
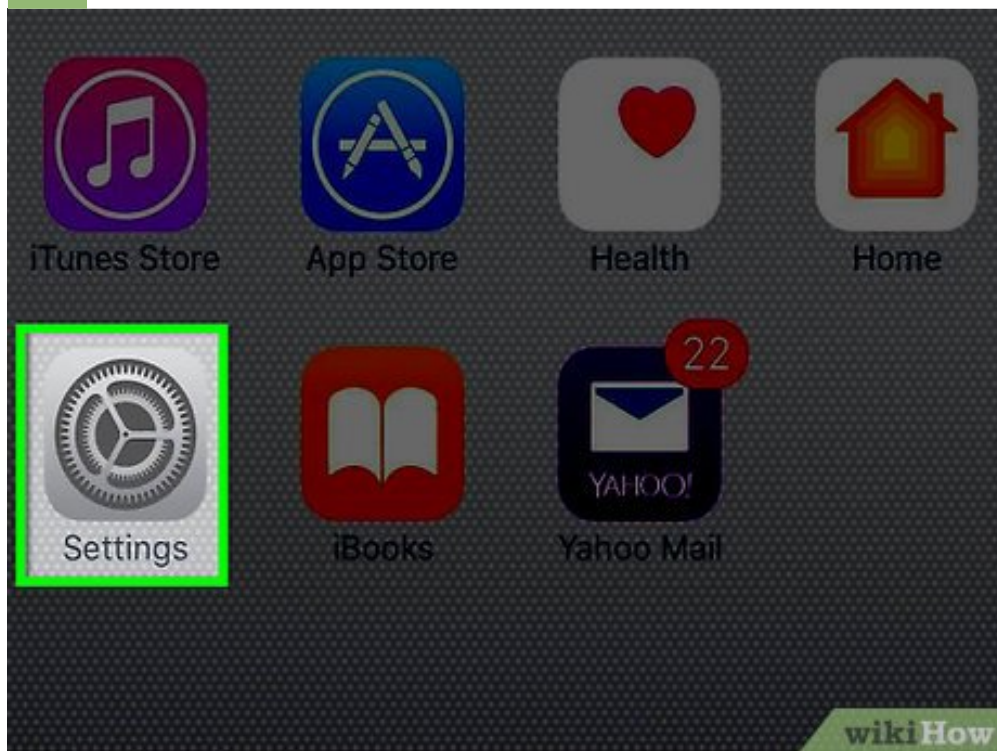| Part 1	Enabling FaceTime in Settings

1 **Open your iPhone's Settings.**   The icon will appear as a set of grey gears located on the Home Screen.

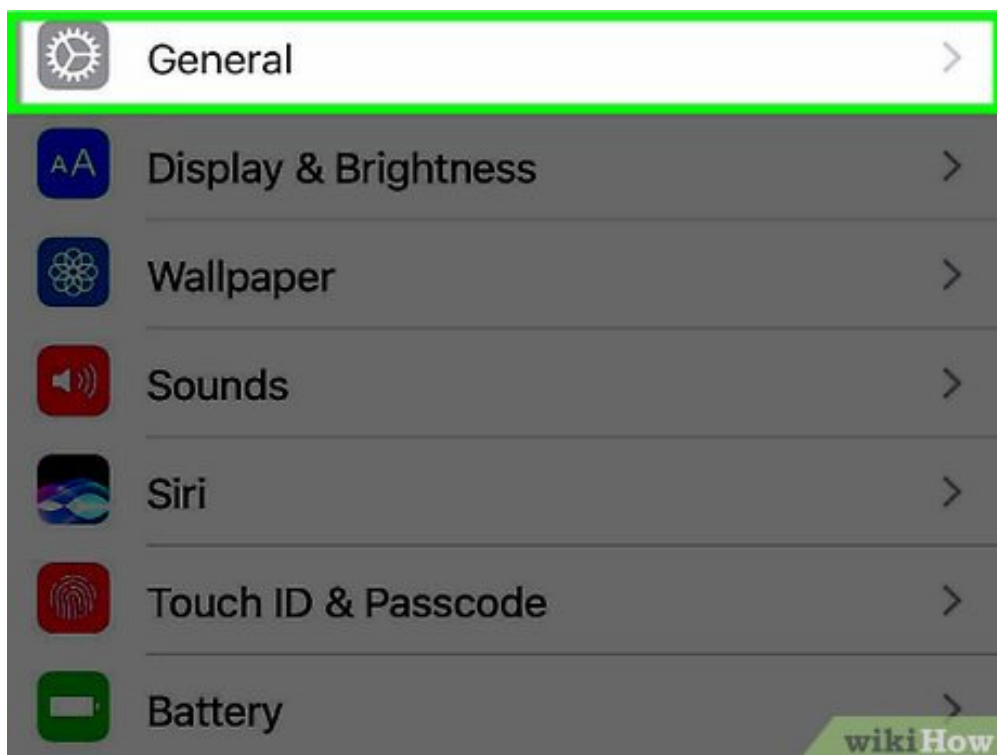**2** Scroll down and tap FaceTime. It is located in the fifth set of menu options.

3 Switch the FaceTime button to the "on" position. It will turn green. This will reactivate the app so you can video chat or send FaceTime messages to other Apple users.[1]

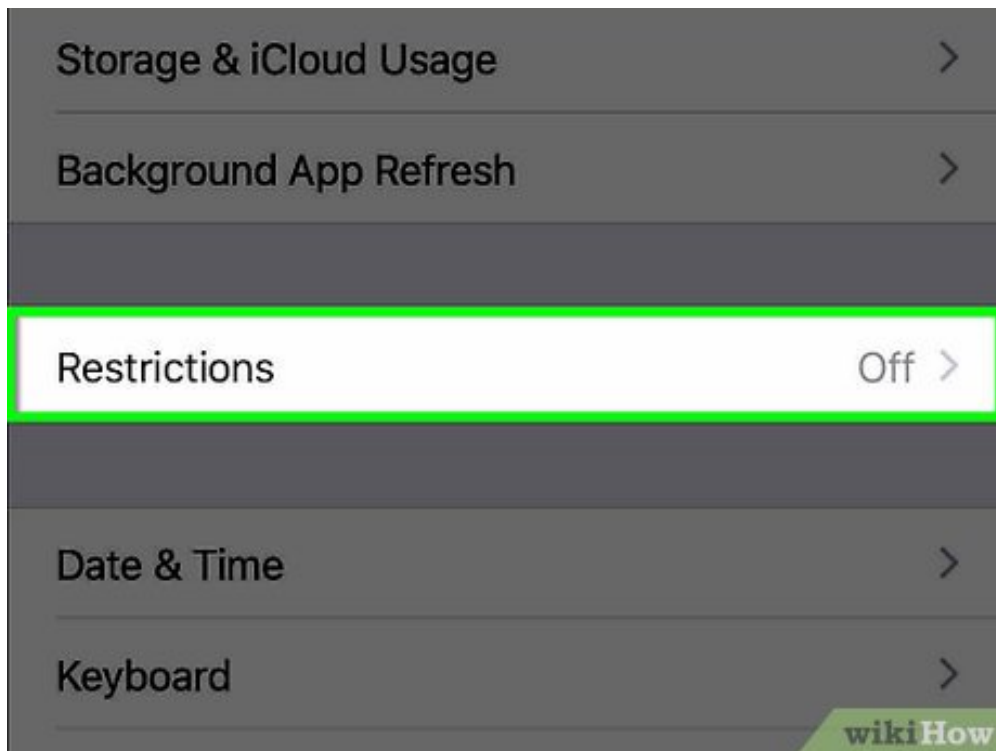**1** **Open your iPhone's Settings.**   The icon will appear as a set of grey gears located on the Home Screen. Doing so will lead you to the Restrictions menu, where you can enable FaceTime if you have previously restricted access to it.
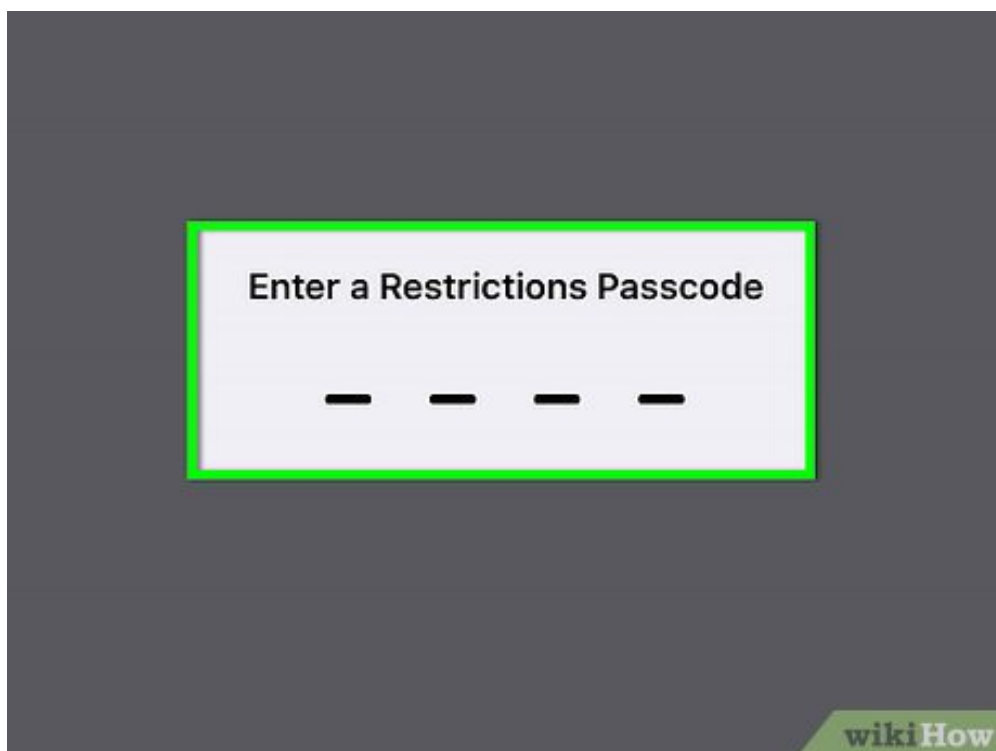
- If you haven't enabled FaceTime Restrictions before, you can skip this part.
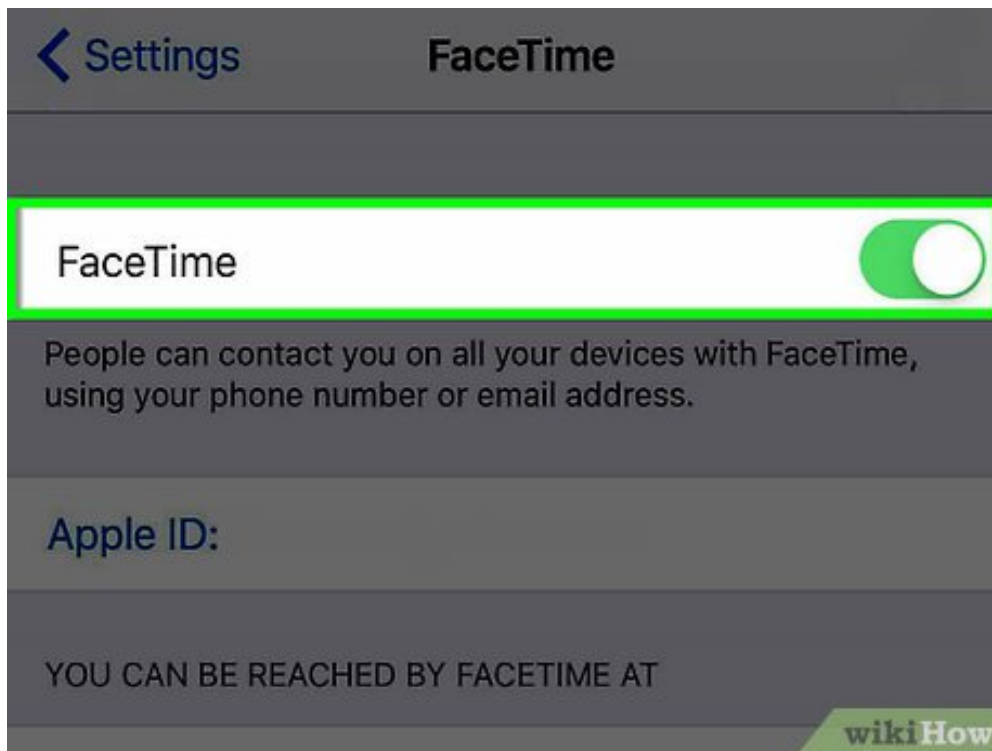

2 Tap   General   .   It is located in the third set of menu options.

3 **Scroll down and tap** Restrictions . It is in the sixth set of menu options.

4 **Input your four digit passcode.**

5 Switch the FaceTime button to the "on" position.   It will turn green. This will allow you to use the app, and will allow the app to use the iPhone's various features like the camera and microphone.

<table><tr><td>**Part 3**</td><td>**Making a FaceTime Call**</td></tr></table>

1 Open FaceTime.   It looks like a white, old film camera on a green background located on the Home Screen.

2 Tap on the name or number of a contact.   The contacts list will be on the right of the FaceTime app screen. The main screen will indicate a video call is being attempted. If the contact is available and accepts the call, their image will eventually appear, and the video chat will be active.

- If your desired contact doesn't appear in the contacts list, you can use the search function at the top of the list to search your iPhone contacts. Search results will appear below with a blue, old film camera icon next to their name or number. Tap this icon to start a call. If this icon is greyed out, this means the contact can't send or receive video calls over FaceTime.

- In order to make video calls, make sure the **Video** button is highlighted above the search bar on the left. Alternatively, you can make a voice-only call by tapping the **Audio** button.

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Question

Face Time on my iPhone 7 is on N opening screen, but will not reactivate in Settings. It stays gray.

Community Answer

Make sure all your camera settings are working, and check your FaceTime settings.

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<table><tr><td>💡</td><td>**Tips**</td></tr></table>

- If FaceTime isn't on your device for any reason, check How to Download Facetime.

Warnings

- The enable/disable feature for FaceTime is specific to each device. If you have disabled FaceTime on other devices like the iPad or a Mac, you will need to reactivate the app on those specific devices.

References

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