

How to Hide Last Seen on TrueCaller Messages

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Quick answer

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Before we dive in, a quick heads-up: Truecaller as a messaging app is perfectly safe, but the privacy settings are buried under a different name. Once you know the trick, it's a 10-second job.

How to Hide Last Seen on TrueCaller (Android)

Truecaller doesn't call it "last seen"; it labels the switch "Availability." Flip that off and you vanish from everyone's radar.

1. Open Truecaller. Tap your profile picture (top-left) or the three-dot menu (top-right) and choose Settings.
2. Scroll to the bottom and tap Privacy Center.
3. The first toggle you see is Availability. Turn it off.

That's it, no green dot, no timestamp, no "online" badge. People can still see the typing indicator while you're hammering out a reply, but they'll never know when you last opened the app.

How to Hide Last Seen on TrueCaller (iPhone & iPad)

iOS steps are almost identical; only the menu icon moves to the bottom.

1. Launch Truecaller.
2. Tap the More tab (bottom-right, three lines icon).
3. Choose Settings -> Privacy Center.
4. Toggle off Availability.

Apple's sandboxing doesn't change anything, Truecaller respects the same rule: disable Availability and you disappear from everyone's view.

The Small Print You Should Know

- It's mutual. Once you hide your status, you can't see anyone else's last seen either. Think of it like WhatsApp's reciprocal setting.
- Read receipts still work. Disabling Availability doesn't kill blue ticks; it only masks your online timestamp.
- Group chats remain unaffected. You'll still appear as a participant, but your personal last-seen stamp stays hidden.

From my experience covering privacy tweaks across apps, the biggest hurdle is simply finding the right toggle name. Now that you know Truecaller calls it "Availability," you're ahead of 90 % of users who still hunt for a non-existent "Last Seen" menu.

One last pro tip: if you use Truecaller's Call Alert feature, consider pairing it with the hidden last-seen setting. You'll get the caller's name before the phone even rings, yet stay invisible in chat, best of both privacy worlds.