**How can I protect my iPhone?**
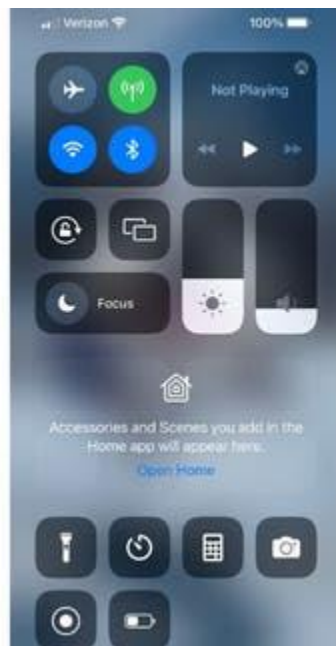
The main form of protection that you can create for your iPhone right now is to disable access to your phone's **Control Center** when your iPhone is locked. If you block access to your Control Center from others, then thieves will be unable to turn on Airplane Mode, which would potentially allow them to bypass your lock screen. Every iPhone owner should take out their phones right now and follow these easy steps to avoid this troubling threat.

**What does the Control Center look like?**

To view the Control Center on your iPhone, simply **swipe down from the top right-hand corner** of your screen. This reveals the Control Center menu which gives the user quick access to features like Airplane Mode, screen brightness control, flashlight, camera and more.



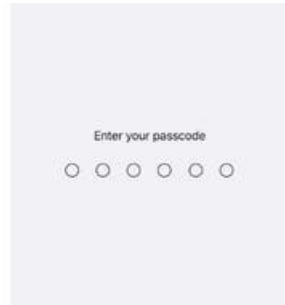Your control center in your iPhone is a quick hit. (CyberGuy.com)

**How do I disable access to my Control Center?**

- Unlock your iPhone and go to your **Settings** app.
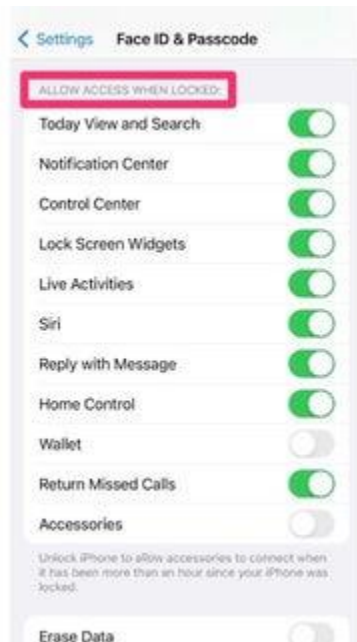- Scroll down a bit and select **Face ID & Passcode**.

Your Face ID allows you to enter your passcode. (CyberGuy.com)

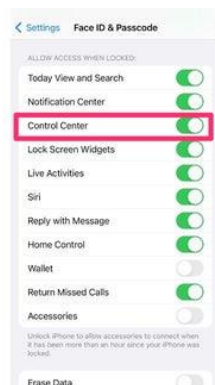- **Enter your passcode** to reveal the menu.



Enter your passcode here. (CyberGuy.com)

- Go to the menu section titled **ALLOW ACCESS WHEN LOCKED**.



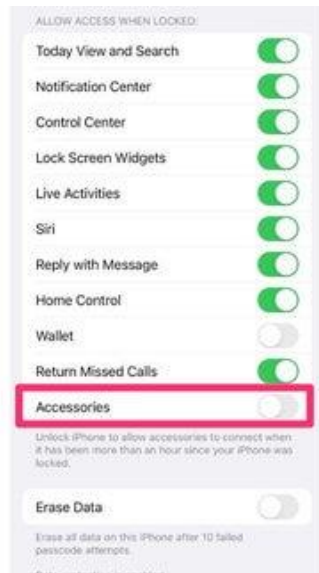Allow access when your phone is locked. (CyberGuy.com)

- Under this menu, toggle off the **Control Center** option.

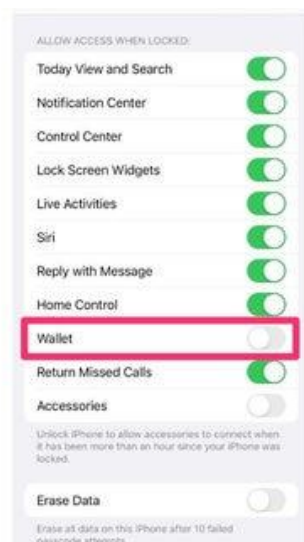Here's how to toggle the Control Center option. (CyberGuy.com)

**Should I disable access to other features while my phone is locked?**

There are two other features that you may want to consider disabling while your iPhone is locked. The first feature is access to **Accessories.** This would prevent thieves from connecting your iPhone to a USB device, which would give them a chance to unlock your phone. To make sure this feature is switched off, follow the same steps we listed above for turning off the Control Center and toggling off **Accessories.**



You can toggle off Accessories in Settings. (CyberGuy.com)

The other feature that you may want to consider disabling is access to your **Apple Wallet.** This will prevent any purchases from being made by those who do not have access to your passcode to unlock your phone. To disable access to your Apple Wallet while your phone is locked, follow the steps listed above for turning off the Control Center and toggling off **Wallet.**
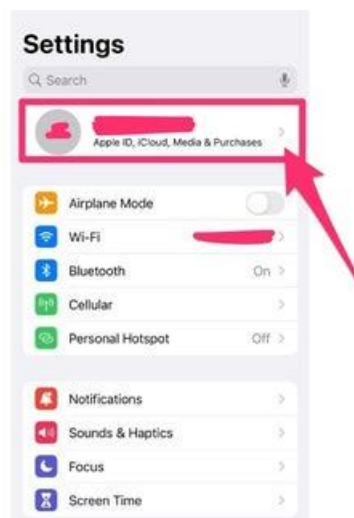
**Are there any other steps I should take to protect my iPhone?**

Three important steps you can take to further protect your iPhone are making sure the **Find My feature** is always turned on so that you can locate your phone when it goes missing. This allows you to locate your device on a map, play a sound to help locate it, display a message on the lock screen, or remotely erase all data on the device.

Also, make sure that you have a **passcode and Face ID** set up to unlock your screen so that thieves cannot automatically gain access to your information. Additionally, you can enable **two-factor authentication** for your iCloud account to add an extra layer of security.
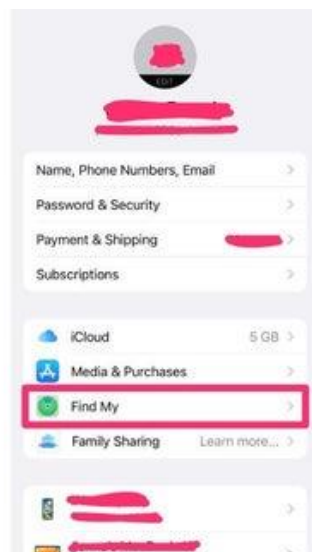
**How to turn on Find My**

- Open the **Settings** app.
- **Tap your name** at the top of the screen.



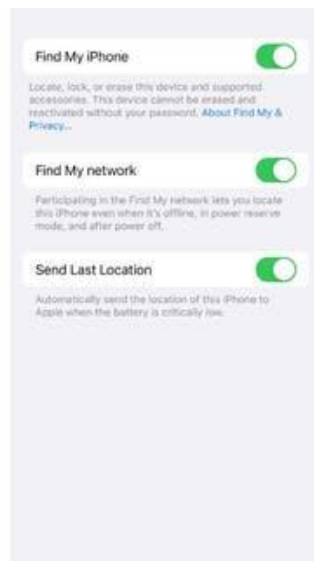Tap your name in the Settings. (CyberGuy.com)

- Select **Find My**.



**"Find My" is available in your iPhone settings. (CyberGuy.com)**

- Tap **Find My iPhone**.



Find your iPhone when your phone gets lost. (CyberGuy.com)

- Make sure all settings are toggled **On**.

**<u>Settings to create a password. (CyberGuy.com)</u>**

**How to set up a passcode**:

- Open the **Settings** app.
- Tap **Face ID & Passcode**.
- Select **Turn Passcode On**.
- Enter a **6-digit passcode**.
- **How to set up Face ID**.
- Open the **Settings** app.
- Tap **Face ID & Passcode**.
- Enter your **6-digit passcode**.
- Tap **Set Up Face ID**.
- **Follow the prompts given** to allow your iPhone to get a full first scan of your face.
- Tap **Continue** when you're done with the first scan.
- **Follow the prompts given** to allow your iPhone to get a full-second scan of your face.
- Tap **Done**.