



I Know Where You Took That Picture

With the explosion in popularity of smart phones, we need to understand all the wonderful powerful tools that come with them. Most smart phones include GPS locator technology; the cameras in these devices are equipped with the specialized hardware to automatically add geolocation information to the pictures at the time they are taken. Geolocation information tags an object with your real-world geographic location. For example, pictures are tagged with the longitude and latitude of the location you took the picture. If you are not aware of all the information that is tagged with a picture or a posting that you make, you might be sharing too much information when you post it online. Do you want people to know where you are?

Here are some basic instructions on how to disable the geo-location services on the iPhone. For other phones, you can Google directions or visit your carrier's web site for instructions.

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Click on "Settings" → Click "General" → Click "Location Services".

Once you reach "location services," you can access choose which apps can access your GPS locations or you can disable the feature for all applications



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For earlier versions of the iPhone, you can disable Geotagging two different ways.

The first option is to Disable all Location Services:

Click on “Settings” → “General” → “Location Services” → set it to OFF

The second option is to make sure you are prompted when you install an app with Geotagging services:

Click on “Settings” → “General” → Reset “Location Warnings” → Reset Warnings.

After you’ve restored the default, you should be asked when you start an application and can choose whether the geotagging is active or not.

Other Smart Phones

Check in the **Options** menu, look at the settings for your camera application, check under the Settings options and you should find an option to check on something titled similar to “location services”.

Remember that every app you install can have geo-tagging. Talk with your children about the information they are sharing via the smart phone. Do you want everyone to know where they are taking pictures or posting info? It’s best to decide now if you want to share that information or keep it private