

WhatsApp

<https://www.whatsapp.com/>

For WhatsApp, you need a smartphone with internet connection, and internet access. Get the WhatsApp app for your phone from the Play Store (for Android devices) or Apple Store (for iPhones and iPads).



You will need to enter your mobile phone number. Give permission to access your contacts. WhatsApp allows you to Message (send text), Voice call (like a phone) and Video call. Many of the contacts in your phone will already have WhatsApp. To see if they do, open the Contacts app, click on that contact and look for the option to call or message using WhatsApp. This option will only appear for contacts who use WhatsApp. To make a call or message in WhatsApp, press the green icon in the bottom right corner and then choose a contact. You can type a message or press the phone (voice call) or camera (video call) button in the top right to call them. You will not see these possibilities for people without a WhatsApp account on their mobile phones or for landlines.

You can have up to 4 participants in a video call. Call the first number and add up to 2 more by pressing the plus sign in the upper right-hand corner. While you are in the call you can mute your mic or disable the video.

Other possibilities are making groups (all messages go to all members of the group) and setting up WhatsApp on your computer (you need to have your phone nearby). It is easier to type and see pictures on your computer/laptop, but you will not be able to video call or voice call. To use the computer version of WhatsApp, go to www.whatsapp.com and download the app, then scan the QR code with your phone to link your account.