Logging off Samsung Galaxy Phone

I have a Samsung Galaxy phone. I want to log off my phone so texts and Messenger messages aren't accessible to anyone who has my phone. I can't find where to log off, and when I Googled "How to log off Samsung Galaxy"

the only options that came up were logging off apps individually--Gmail, or Facebook, or Skype, not logging off the phone. I never do this and I'm sure I'm missing something, since without the ability to log off I have text messages sitting there, accessible to anyone.

I have an S5, and I'm not sure how you would accomplish this. Granted, I use a third-party app for text messages (Handcent SMS, now called Next SMS I think) that allows you to password protect your inbox. You may need to do that. As far as Messenger, if you're talking about Facebook Messenger, I imagine you can set it so that it doesn't remember your password and you have to enter your password each time you log into it. I don't use Facebook Messenger, so that may not be the solution.

Ryan Phillips, South Carolina

You could lock your phone.

John Davidson, Pennsylvania

John, do you know how?

Julie S. Mills. Ohio

I don't believe you can log off the text messages because those come from the carrier and, generally, the carrier's app, but your carrier may have protections on them. In my text message settings I have a selection to disconnect my device as well as to unsubscribe. This only stops the syncing of messages to the phone and does not delete the messages already there (Verizon)

I don't use FB messenger, so I have to log in via the web browser when I want to check those

Private mode seems to only work on things like pictures or documents, not apps or messages

Erin M. Schmidt, Ohio

Went into Verizon settings and see how to lock. I either don't have or can't remember password, so before I start process to lock, do I create password now or am I about to lock myself out of my own phone....

Julie S. Mills

If you swipe down from the very top of the screen, there will be a gear icon on the top right. That is for settings. If you go into that, not very far down you will see "Lock screen". Tap on that icon and it will give you options for locking your phone -- typically a numerical PIN, a 'normal' password, a swipe pattern, or a fingerprint scan.

Ryan Phillips

Julie, you can lock your phone with a password (or mine also has

fingerprinting) so that your phone cannot be used without your password. I have T-Mobile, so my phone locking option is in my T-Mobile settings.

Tracia Y. Lee, Texas

I don't know with Verizon stores, but the T-Mobile stores can help with everything, even if you get locked out.

Tracia Y. Lee

Figured it out! Thanks everyone.

Julie S. Mills

Just be aware that if you use the thumb print option to unlock the S5 it can be very sensitive and not like to work sometimes (my hubby uses that option)

And it is so annoying when I need to use his phone, he's driving, and I can't open it LOL

Erin M. Schmidt

Erin is correct. The fingerprint scan is very sensitive. Your finger cannot be wet, moist, cold, wrinkles, or in any condition where your prints may not the same as when you scanned your print for use in the first place.

Tracia Y. Lee

Also, if you want your phone encrypted, you can use fingerprint unlock as your locking method, it either has to be password or pin

Lesley A. Hoenig, Michigan

I have a screen lock / pin on my Samsung Galaxy S5. Settings are set to lock after 5 minutes of inactivity and I can also manually lock it. Apps, Settings, Screen lock. Set your preferences however you like it. I

like to have the camera shortcut available on locked screen so I don't have to unlock to snap a quick picture.

Cynthia V. Hall, Florida

On my iPhone I can use fingerprint or pin so if I want my paralegal, for example, to open something on my phone she uses my pin. I use my fingerprint when it's working (my fingerprint is never reliable) or pin when necessary.

Patricia L. Dennis, Illinois

I would never want to be locked into only fingerprint as mine has never been reliable.

Patricia L. Dennis

My 8 year old grandson set up my fingerprint scan and pin. (Did I say he also set up his fingerprint to unlock my phone.)

Patricia L. Dennis

I tried the fingerprint on the S6. It is not reliable, but it has a backup password just in case.

Mitchell Goldstein, Virginia

Fingerprint ID on smartphones less protected in court than a password, ruling suggests

<http://tinyurl.com/gn7d9dc>

Tracia Y. Lee

Maybe the fact that they don't work well works to your advantage. Mess it up and it kicks to backup password.

Mitchell P. Goldstein