Installing Apps via Direct Download

To download Briar or Briar Mailbox directly from our site, you need to know what version of Android your device uses.

You can usually find this information in the **About phone** section of the **Settings** app.
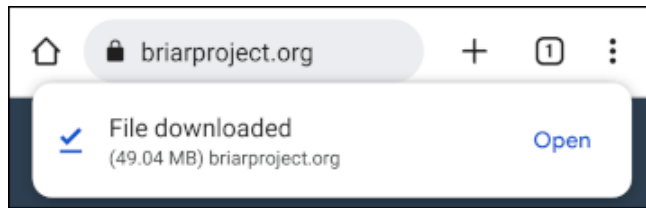
Android 8 or later (most users)

If your phone uses Android 8 or later, follow these steps to download Briar or Briar Mailbox:

1) Open the web browser and go to https://briarproject.org. Then go to https://briarproject.org/apk/briar.apk to install Briar, or https://briarproject.org/apk/mailbox.apk to install Briar Mailbox.

2) If the browser asks whether you want to download the file, confirm that you do.

> ⚠ This type of file can harm your device. Do you want to keep briar.apk anyway?   ✕
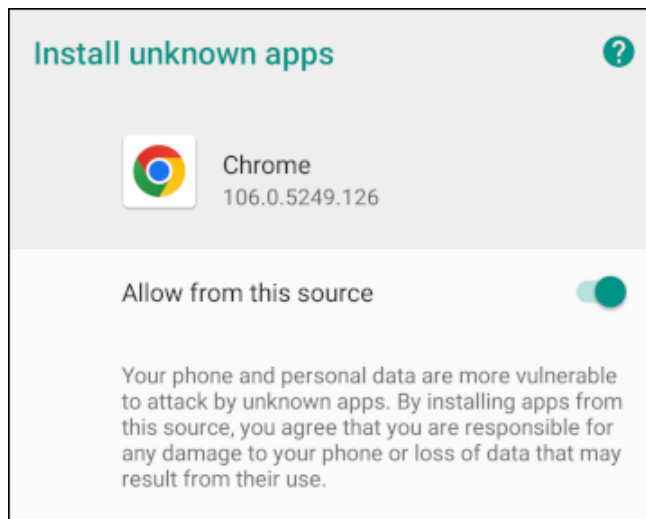>
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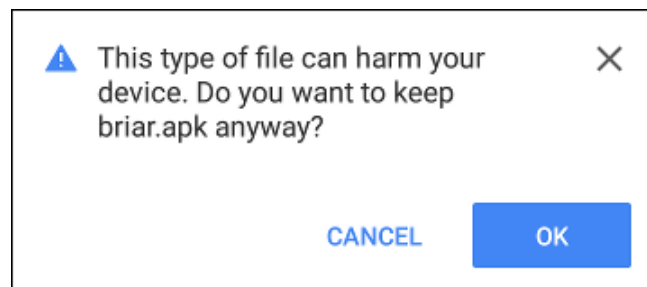
3) When the download completes, tap the notification to install the app.

4) If the browser needs permission to install apps, tap **Settings** to open the permission screen.
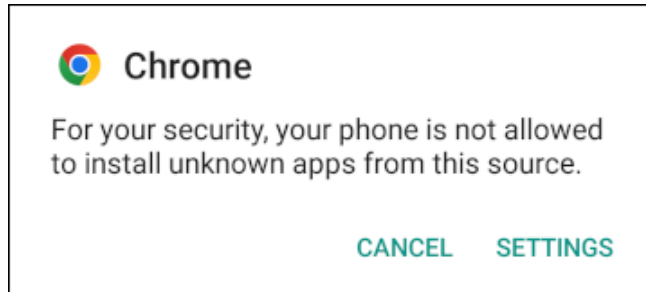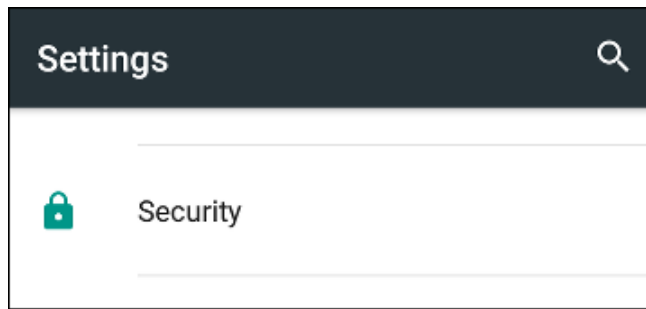

5) Allow the browser to install apps.

6) If installation doesn't continue automatically, tap the back button to continue installing the app.
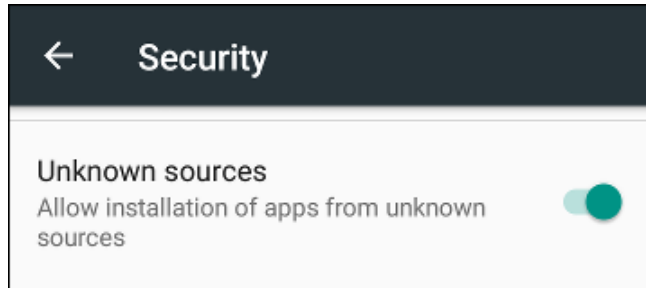
Android 7.1.1 or earlier

If your phone uses Android 7.1.1 or earlier, follow these steps to download Briar or Briar Mailbox:

1) Open the **Settings** app, scroll down, and open the **Security** section.
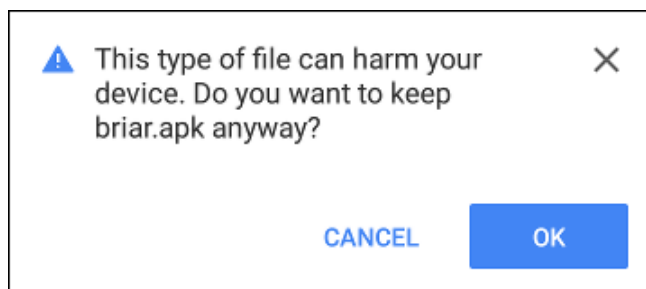
Settings ⌕

🔒 Security

2) Enable **Unknown sources** and confirm that you want to change the setting.

← Security

Unknown sources
Allow installation of apps from unknown sources

3) Open the web browser and go to https://briarproject.org. Then go to https://briarproject.org/apk/briar.apk to install Briar, or https://briarproject.org/apk/mailbox.apk to install Briar Mailbox.

4) If the browser asks whether you want to download the file, confirm that you do.

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CANCEL **OK**

5) When the download completes, tap the notification to install the app.

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Download complete.