

Apple iOS

Changing the Screen Auto-lock Setting



Have you ever been using your Smart Phone or Tablet and all of a sudden the screen goes off? You turn it back on again, only for it to go off again a few seconds later. Well, this is the Auto-lock feature in action.

Auto-lock is a feature built into all Apple iOS devices which ensures that the battery life of your iPhone or iPad is optimised by turning off the screen after a set length of time. Whilst this is useful to a degree, it can also be very annoying, as you might be half way through reading something and all of a sudden the screen goes off.

It is recommended that the Auto-lock setting is changed from the default setting of 30 seconds, to a longer length of time, for example 5 minutes. You can always turn the screen off manually, should you want to, by pressing the Power button once. The benefit of having a longer length of time before the screen goes off, is that you will be able to finish reading the text from an email message, web page or anything else, before the screen turns off. The downside, is that your battery will drain a little quicker than normal!

To set the Auto-lock setting to 5 minutes, follow these suggested steps:

1. From the Home Screen, activate the Settings icon. Upon doing this, the Settings screen will be displayed.
2. In the Settings screen, locate and activate the Display and Brightness button. Upon doing this, the Display screen will be displayed.

Note 1: If you are using an iPad, the screen is split into 2 vertical windows. The left side contains a list of Categories, and the right side contains the settings for the selected category. The Display and Brightness button is situated in the left side.

3. In the Display and Brightness screen, locate and activate the Auto-lock button. Upon doing this, the Auto-lock screen will be displayed. This screen contains a list of time lengths you can choose from. They are 30 seconds, 1 minute, 2 minutes, 3 minutes, 4 minutes, 5 minutes and Never.
4. Activate the 5 minutes option. Then, press the Home Button to close the Settings app.

That's it, from now on, you will be able to leave your device without touching the screen for 5 minutes, before the screen is turned off.

Note 2: If the screen does turn itself off, you can turn it back on again by simply pressing the Power Button once. Depending on how your device has been configured, you may need to enter a password to gain access to the system again!