

Technology Support Class Summary

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IPHONE

1. iPhone Hack #1: Send Spam Calls to Voicemail

Sick of robocalls? You can now direct unknown callers directly to your voicemail. Of course, some robocallers may spoof a friend or relative's phone number so that it actually looks like they're calling you—and iOS can't really help you there—but otherwise, if the phone number isn't saved in your contacts, you won't have to deal with it until later. Exceptions include phone numbers that you've recently made an outgoing call to or phone numbers that Siri finds in your email, for instance.

- ***Settings > Phone > Switch on Silence Unknown Callers.***

2. iPhone Hack #3: Type Faster With One Hand

Apple is nearly a decade behind in enabling this feature, as Android users have long had the option, but better late than never. QuickPath swipe typing lets you slide your finger across the letters of whatever you're trying to say, rather than tapping. It's much faster and, in some cases, prone to less errors. Even if your finger isn't directly touching all of the right letters, the right word will be selected, similar to the regular autocorrect and suggestions feature in iMessage.

If you already use a third-party keyboard app like SwiftKey, this isn't new for you. However, if you don't, you can skip paying for one of these apps.

- ***QuickPath is turned on by default when you download iOS 13. To turn it off, go to Settings > General > Keyboard > Slide to Type.***

3. iPhone Hack #9: Get Apps To Quit Spying On You

On average, each app on your iPhone includes six trackers from other companies with the sole intention to collect and sell your data in bulk. Fortunately, Apple has introduced a new tool in iOS 14, called "App Tracking Transparency," that makes it much easier to block ad trackers.

So if you don't want Facebook to track you over to Amazon, you're in luck. The best part? Companies can't limit the functionality of their apps for users who don't want to be tracked.

- ***Settings > Privacy > Tracking > Find Allow Apps to Request to Track and toggle it to the on position.***