

# An Essential Guide To Protecting Your Smartphone From Damage

Whether you're a first-time smartphone user or an early adopter of the newest mobile phone technology, you may be asking yourself how to protect your smartphone from damage. So many of us rely on our smartphones to do everything from checking the weather, to paying our bills, to scrolling through cat videos.

Mobile phones have become an integral part of our lives, and if your phone breaks, it can be a huge headache. A mobile device can be costly to replace, so here are some tips to protect your phone from damage and save you money and hassle in the long run.

## Invest in a Quality Case

This might be a no-brainer, but it's imperative to invest in a good phone case. If you're buying a new smartphone, be sure to get a case as soon as possible. You may also want to consider purchasing a new case any time you drop your phone, as the old case may be too damaged to protect your device as well if you would happen to drop it again.

There are many case options available, and even a case that's made more for looks than function will help protect your mobile phone. Try to opt for a waterproof case if possible for extra protection. Just remember that investing in a good quality case may save you money in the long run.

## Buy a Screen Protector

Equally as important as your case, the screen protector can mean the difference between a harmless drop and an unusable phone. Although some cases come with a screen protector, the best way to protect your screen is with a tempered glass screen protector. Tempered glass is durable and easy to install, and will never peel, bubble, or interfere with the touchscreen.

## Keep Your Phone Dry

This may be another obvious tip, but computers don't mix well with moisture. In addition to making sure not to drop your phone in your bathtub or swimming pool, it's essential to keep your device away from regular exposure to smaller amounts of moisture. Humidity can cause just as much damage as a dunk in the toilet.

## Develop Good Habits

The best thing you can do to make your phone last longer is to have a set of good smartphone habits. Have a regular safe place to keep your phone on your person, and be sure not to keep it in your back pocket where it's more likely you may sit on it.

Try to have a dedicated safe spot at home and at work where you can leave your phone when you aren't using it. Also, be sure to charge your mobile phone regularly, and if you tend to drop things often, consider an attachable grip or a rubberized case to help you grip and hold your phone securely.

## Know Your Phone's Limits

Smartphones are increasingly durable, but extreme conditions are sure to decrease the longevity of your device. If you leave your phone out in freezing temperatures, it can lead to screen issues and poor battery life.

Likewise, exposing your phone to extreme heat can result in damage to the device's internal components that can cause the phone to run slowly or corrupt your data. In severe cases, the heat can even cause the battery to leak.

## Anticipate and Insure

You can't predict every accident, but you can take a look at your daily habits and try to anticipate potential dangers to your smartphone. If you have pets or small children, make a habit of keeping your mobile phone out of their reach and trying to teach them that the phone is not a toy.

If you frequently put your phone down or lose it, consider a belt holster and be sure to install an app to help you find your phone and charge your phone regularly. For any situations that you can't foresee, you may want to consider purchasing insurance on your smartphone to reduce the cost of a replacement or repair.

## Protect your Phone Into The Future!

Knowing how to protect my phone from damage has saved me from many potentially damaging drops and accidents over the years. By being mindful and practising the tips above, you too can keep your smartphone damage-free and in good working order for years.

If you keep your device in excellent condition, you may even be able to get a trade-in credit toward the next new mobile device you purchase. Invest in quality accessories and good habits, and your only smartphone worry will be which model you want to upgrade to next.