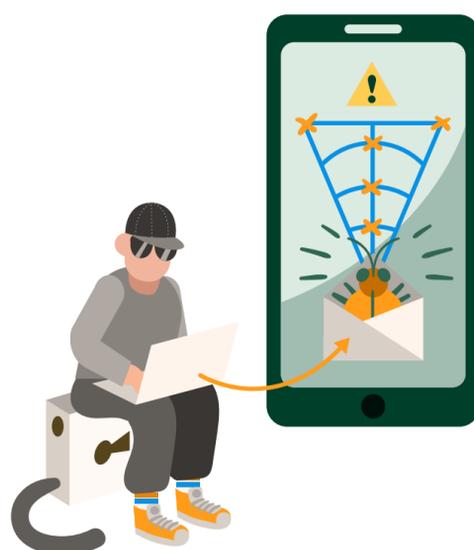


How can you know if you have spyware on your mobile?

Spyware is a **type of malicious software** designed to infiltrate a device (such as a mobile phone, computer or tablet) and collect the user's information without their knowledge or consent. It can gain access through the user downloading seemingly legitimate applications.

It can be tricky to detect spyware on your mobile phone, as it is a programme designed to operate under the radar. However, there are a few tips that can help you tell if your device has been compromised. Here are some of them:



Indications of possible spyware

- 1 No battery life**
Spyware runs in the background and takes up a lot of space, so your battery often will die faster, even on days when you barely use your phone. 
- 2 Extreme data consumption**
Spyware often sends information to third parties, which can increase mobile data usage for no apparent reason. 
- 3 Sluggish performance**
Applications that take longer to open or an operating system that responds slowly could indicate the presence of malicious software, which uses up a lot of energy. 
- 4 Overheating phone**
If your mobile phone heats up even when not being intensively use, that could be a sign of unauthorised activity in the background. 
- 5 Suspicious messages or calls**
Receiving SMS messages with strange characters or unknown links can be a symptom of scams, but also of spyware. Some of these program are set up through hidden SMS. 
- 6 Apps you never installed or frequent pop-ups**
If you notice app you don't recognise or changes you didn't make to your phone's settings, you may have spyware. Recurring pop-ups may be another indication. 
- 7 Strange noises in calls**
If you hear echoes, clicks, beeps, background voices or interference, it could be that your calls are being recorded or your line has been tapped. 

What to do about possible spyware?



Restart your mobile



Remove suspicious apps or files



Install an antivirus



Update the mobile operating system



Check the device's administrator permissions

Source: Keeper Security.