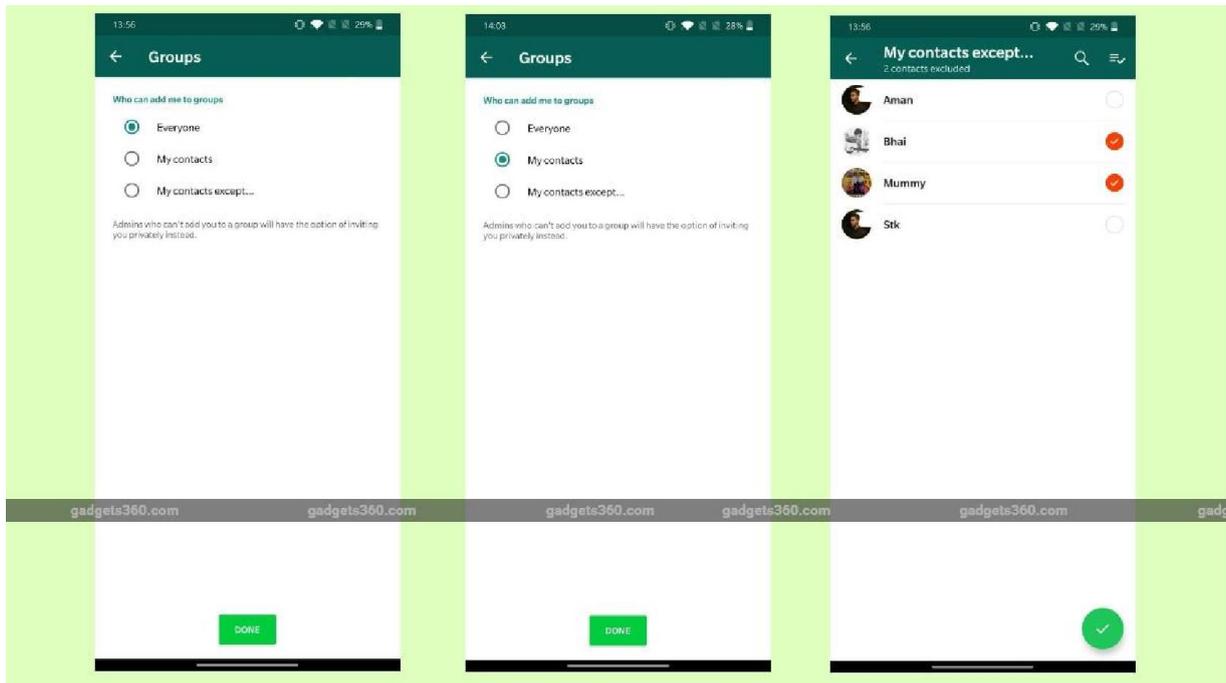# How to stop someone from adding you to WhatsApp groups on Android

If you are an Android user, follow these steps to stop people from adding you to WhatsApp groups without permission.


WhatsApp for Android group privacy settings can be found in Settings > Account > Privacy > Groups

1. Open WhatsApp on your Android smartphone and tap the vertical three-dots icon on the top-right.
2. Next, tap Settings > Account > Privacy.
3. Now tap Groups and select one of the three given options — Everyone, My Contacts, or My Contacts Except....
4. If you select Everyone, anyone can add you to groups.
5. Selecting My Contacts only allows your contacts to add you to WhatsApp groups.
6. Finally, the third option My Contacts Except lets you allow only selected people to add you to WhatsApp groups. You can either select contacts one by one or you can even select all contacts by tapping on the Select All icon on the top-right. These people will be prompted to send you the group invite through a private chat. You will then have three days to accept or deny the request for joining the group before it expires.

How to stop someone from adding you to WhatsApp groups on iPhone

If you use WhatsApp on iPhone, here's how you can stop others from adding you to WhatsApp groups.
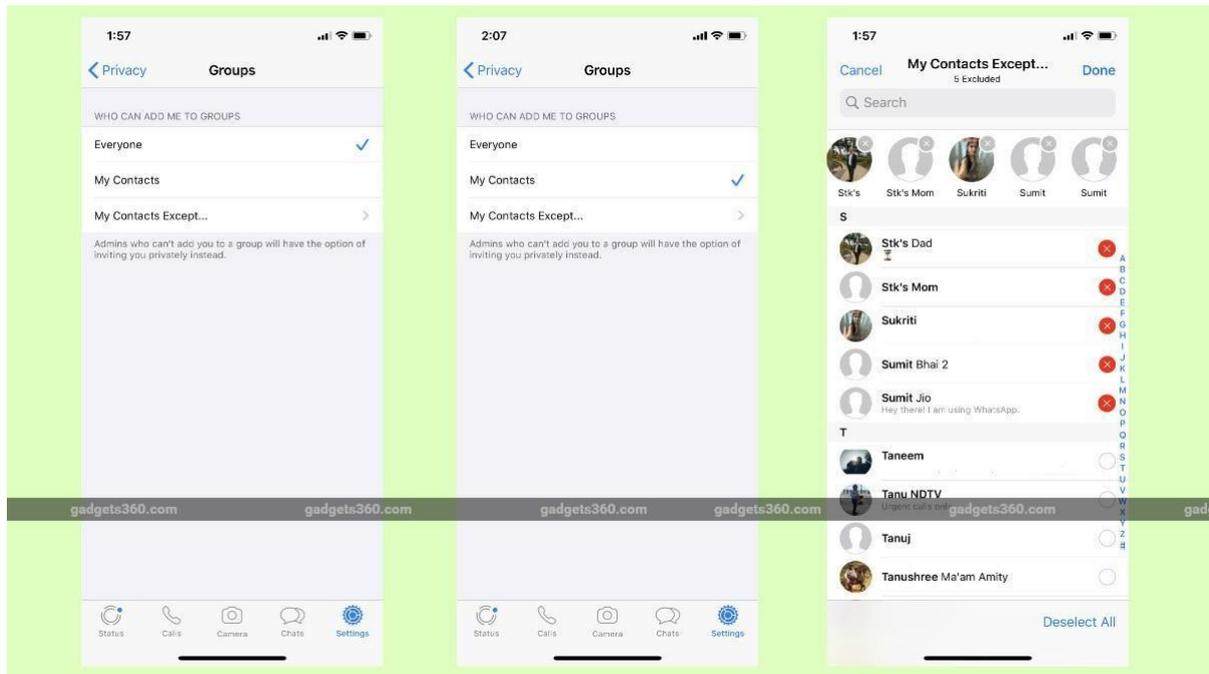
1. Open WhatsApp on your iPhone and on the bottom bar, tap Settings.
2. Next, tap Account > Privacy > Groups.
3. On the next screen, select one of the three given options — Everyone, My Contacts and My Contacts Except. Over here as well you can select contacts one by one or you can just select all the contacts by tapping the Select All button on the bottom-right.