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Appleâ??s Face ID is a sophisticated biometric security feature that relies on advanced hardware, including the TrueDepth camera system, to authenticate users. However, after a screen replacementâ??especially if performed by a third-party repair serviceâ??Face ID may stop working correctly. This issue typically arises due to calibration problems, hardware mismatches, or software glitches.

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If youâ??re experiencing Face ID failures after a screen replacement, this guide will walk you through the most effective troubleshooting steps to restore functionality.

Why Does Face ID Stop Working After a Screen Replacement?

Face ID depends on several key components, including:

- **TrueDepth Camera System** (Dot projector, infrared camera, flood illuminator)
- **Proximity Sensor & Ambient Light Sensor**
- **Front Camera & Earpiece Speaker**
- **Secure Enclave (iPhoneâ??s security chip)**

If any of these components are damaged, improperly connected, or replaced with non-genuine parts, Face ID may fail. Additionally, software calibration issues can prevent the system from recognizing the new hardware.

Step-by-Step Fixes for Face ID Issues After Screen Replacement

1. Restart Your iPhone

A simple restart can resolve temporary software glitches affecting Face ID.

- **For iPhone X and later:** Press and hold the **Side button + Volume Up/Down** until the power slider appears. Drag it to turn off, wait 30 seconds, then press the **Side button** to restart.
- **For iPhone 8 and earlier:** Hold the **Side (or Top) button** until the power slider appears, then restart.

After rebooting, test Face ID again.

2. Check for Software Updates

Apple frequently releases iOS updates that include bug fixes for Face ID.

1. Go to **Settings** > **General** > **Software Update**.
2. If an update is available, download and install it.
3. Restart your iPhone and test Face ID.

3. Reset Face ID and Set It Up Again

If Face ID was working before the screen replacement but now fails, resetting and re-enrolling your face may help.

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1. Go to **Settings** > **Face ID & Passcode**.
2. Enter your passcode.
3. Tap **Reset Face ID**.
4. Select **Set Up Face ID** and follow the on-screen instructions.

4. Ensure the Screen Replacement Was Done Correctly

If Face ID still doesnâ??t work, the issue may stem from an improper screen installation. Hereâ??s what to check:

A. Verify the Screen is Genuine or High-Quality

- **Genuine Apple screens** (from Apple or authorized service providers) are more likely to maintain Face ID functionality.
- **Third-party screens** may lack proper calibration or use incompatible components, leading to Face ID failures.

B. Check for Loose or Damaged Connections

- If the **TrueDepth camera flex cable** was not properly reconnected, Face ID will fail.
- The **proximity sensor** and **ambient light sensor** must also be correctly seated.
- If youâ??re not comfortable opening your iPhone, take it to a professional repair technician for inspection.

C. Ensure the Earpiece Speaker is Properly Installed

The earpiece speaker contains sensors that work with Face ID. If itâ??s misaligned or damaged, Face ID may not function.

5. Calibrate Face ID Manually

Sometimes, Face ID needs recalibration after hardware changes.

1. **Clean the TrueDepth Camera Area** â?? Ensure no dust or debris is blocking the sensors.
2. **Hold the iPhone at the Correct Angle** â?? Position it 10-20 inches from your face in a well-lit environment.
3. **Move Your Head Slowly** â?? Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup.
4. **Try Different Lighting Conditions** â?? Face ID may struggle in very bright or dim lighting.

6. Check for Hardware Damage

If Face ID was working before the screen replacement but now fails, the issue could be:

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- **Damaged TrueDepth Camera** â?? If the dot projector, infrared camera, or flood illuminator was harmed during the repair, Face ID wonâ??t work.
- **Faulty Flex Cables** â?? The cables connecting the TrueDepth system to the logic board may be damaged or improperly seated.
- **Water Damage** â?? If liquid entered the device during or after the repair, it could affect Face ID.

If you suspect hardware damage, visit an **Apple Store or authorized repair center** for diagnostics.

7. Restore iPhone via DFU Mode (Last Resort)

If software corruption is causing Face ID to fail, a **DFU (Device Firmware Update) restore** may help.

Note: This erases all data, so back up your iPhone first.

Steps to Enter DFU Mode:

1. Connect your iPhone to a computer with **iTunes (Windows/macOS Mojave or earlier) or Finder (macOS Catalina and later)**.
2. **For iPhone 8 and later:**
3. Quickly press **Volume Up**, then **Volume Down**.
4. Hold the **Side button** until the screen goes black.
5. While holding the **Side button**, press and hold **Volume Down** for 5 seconds.
6. Release the **Side button** but keep holding **Volume Down** until iTunes/Finder detects the iPhone in recovery mode.
7. **For iPhone 7/7 Plus:**
8. Hold **Side + Volume Down** until the screen goes black.
9. Keep holding **Volume Down** for 5 more seconds.
10. **For iPhone 6s and earlier:**
11. Hold **Home + Side (or Top) button** until the screen goes black.
12. Keep holding **Home** for 5 more seconds.

Once in DFU mode, select **Restore iPhone** in iTunes/Finder. After the restore, set up your iPhone and test Face ID.

8. Visit an Apple Store or Authorized Service Provider

If none of the above solutions work, the issue is likely hardware-related. Appleâ??s **Genius Bar** or an **authorized service provider** can:

- Diagnose whether the TrueDepth system is damaged.
- Replace faulty components with genuine parts.
- Ensure proper calibration of Face ID.

Note: If your iPhone was repaired with non-Apple parts, Apple may refuse service or charge for a full display replacement.

Preventing Face ID Issues in Future Screen Replacements

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To avoid Face ID problems after a screen replacement:

â? **Use Apple or Authorized Service Providers** â?? Genuine parts ensure compatibility.
â? **Avoid Cheap Third-Party Screens** â?? Low-quality screens may lack proper calibration.
â? **Check for Warranty Coverage** â?? If your iPhone is under warranty, Apple may cover the repair.
â? **Backup Your iPhone Before Repairs** â?? In case a restore is needed.

Final Thoughts

Face ID issues after a screen replacement are common but often fixable. Start with **software troubleshooting** (restart, update, reset Face ID), then check for **hardware misalignments or damage** . If the problem persists, a **professional repair or DFU restore** may be necessary.

By following these steps, you can restore Face ID functionality and ensure your iPhoneâ??s security features work as intended.

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