How to Recover Deleted Photos from Your Phone

Description

How to Recover Deleted Photos from Your Phone: A Step-by-Step Guide

Losing precious photos from your phone can be devastating, whether due to accidental deletion, a software update, or a system crash. Fortunately, there are several methods to recover deleted photos, depending on your device and backup settings. This guide covers the most effective ways to retrieve lost images from both Android and iOS devices.

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1. Check the Recently Deleted Folder (iPhone & Android)

Many smartphones have a built-in â??Recently Deletedâ?• or â??Trashâ?• folder where deleted photos are temporarily stored before permanent removal.

For iPhone (iOS):

1. Open the **Photos** app.
2. Tap **Albums** at the bottom.
3. Scroll down and select **Recently Deleted**.
4. Browse the deleted photos and select the ones you want to recover.
5. Tap **Recover** to restore them to your main gallery.

Note: Photos remain in the Recently Deleted folder for **30 days** before being permanently erased.

For Android (Google Photos & Gallery Apps):

- **Google Photos:**
- Open the **Google Photos** app.
- Tap **Library** at the bottom.
- Select **Trash** (or **Bin** in some regions).
- Long-press the photos you want to restore.
- Tap **Restore** to recover them.

Note: Deleted photos stay in the Trash for **60 days** before permanent deletion.

- **Samsung Gallery (or other manufacturer apps):**
- Open the **Gallery** app.

- Tap the **three-line menu** (â?°) and select **Trash**.
- Select the photos and tap **Restore**.

2. Restore from Cloud Backups

If you regularly back up your phone to cloud services like **iCloud, Google Drive, or Samsung Cloud**, you may be able to recover deleted photos from there.

For iPhone (iCloud Backup):

1. Go to **Settings** > [Your Name] > **iCloud** > **Photos**.
2. Ensure **iCloud Photos** is enabled.
3. If you have a recent backup, you can restore your phone to an earlier state:
4. Go to **Settings** > **General** > **Transfer or Reset iPhone** > **Erase All Content and Settings**.
5. During setup, choose **Restore from iCloud Backup** and select the most recent backup containing your photos.

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Note: This will erase current data, so only use this method if necessary.

For Android (Google Photos & Google Drive):

- **Google Photos:**
- If you had **Backup & Sync** enabled, deleted photos may still be in the cloud.
- Open **Google Photos** > **Trash** and restore them.
- **Google Drive:**
- Open **Google Drive** and check the **Backups** section.
- If you have a phone backup, you may extract photos from it.

3. Use Third-Party Data Recovery Software

If the photos are not in the Trash or cloud backups, specialized recovery tools can scan your phoneâ??s storage for deleted files.

Best Recovery Tools for Android & iPhone:

Tool	Platform	Key Features
DiskDigger	Android	Free, deep scan for lost photos
Dr.Fone	iOS & Android	Supports selective recovery
EaseUS MobiSaver	iOS & Android	Recovers photos, videos, contacts

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FonePaw	iOS & Android	User-friendly interface
Recuva	Android (via PC)	Free, effective for SD card recovery

How to Use Recovery Software:

1. **Download and install** the recovery tool on your computer.
2. **Connect your phone** via USB and enable **USB Debugging** (Android) or **Trust This Computer** (iPhone).
3. **Scan your device** for deleted files.
4. **Preview and select** the photos you want to recover.
5. **Save them** to your computer or phone.

Note: For best results, avoid using your phone after deletion to prevent overwriting data.

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4. Check External Storage (SD Card or Computer)

If your phone has an **SD card**, deleted photos may still be recoverable from it.

Recovering from an SD Card:

1. Remove the SD card from your phone and insert it into a **card reader**.
2. Connect it to a **computer** and use recovery software like **Recuva** or **PhotoRec**.
3. Scan the SD card and recover the deleted photos.

Recovering from a Computer Backup:

- If you previously transferred photos to a **PC or Mac**, check:
- **Windows:** File Explorer > Pictures folder
- **Mac:** Finder > Pictures folder
- **External Hard Drives or USB Drives**

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5. Contact Professional Data Recovery Services

If the photos are extremely important and none of the above methods work, consider **professional data recovery services**. These companies specialize in retrieving lost data from damaged or corrupted storage.

Reputable Data Recovery Services:

- **DriveSavers**
- **Ontrack**
- **Secure Data Recovery**

Note: This option can be expensive, so only use it for irreplaceable photos.

6. Prevent Future Photo Loss

To avoid losing photos in the future, follow these best practices:

â? **Enable Automatic Backups** (Google Photos, iCloud, Samsung Cloud).
â? **Regularly transfer photos** to a computer or external hard drive.
â? **Use cloud storage** (Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive).
â? **Avoid deleting photos** without checking the Trash first.
â? **Install a reliable file recovery app** for emergencies.

Final Thoughts

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Recovering deleted photos from your phone is possible with the right tools and methods. Start by checking the **Recently Deleted folder**, then explore **cloud backups** and **recovery software**. If all else fails, professional services may be your last resort.

By following these steps, you can maximize your chances of retrieving lost memories and prevent future data loss.

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