

IrisMsg installation guide

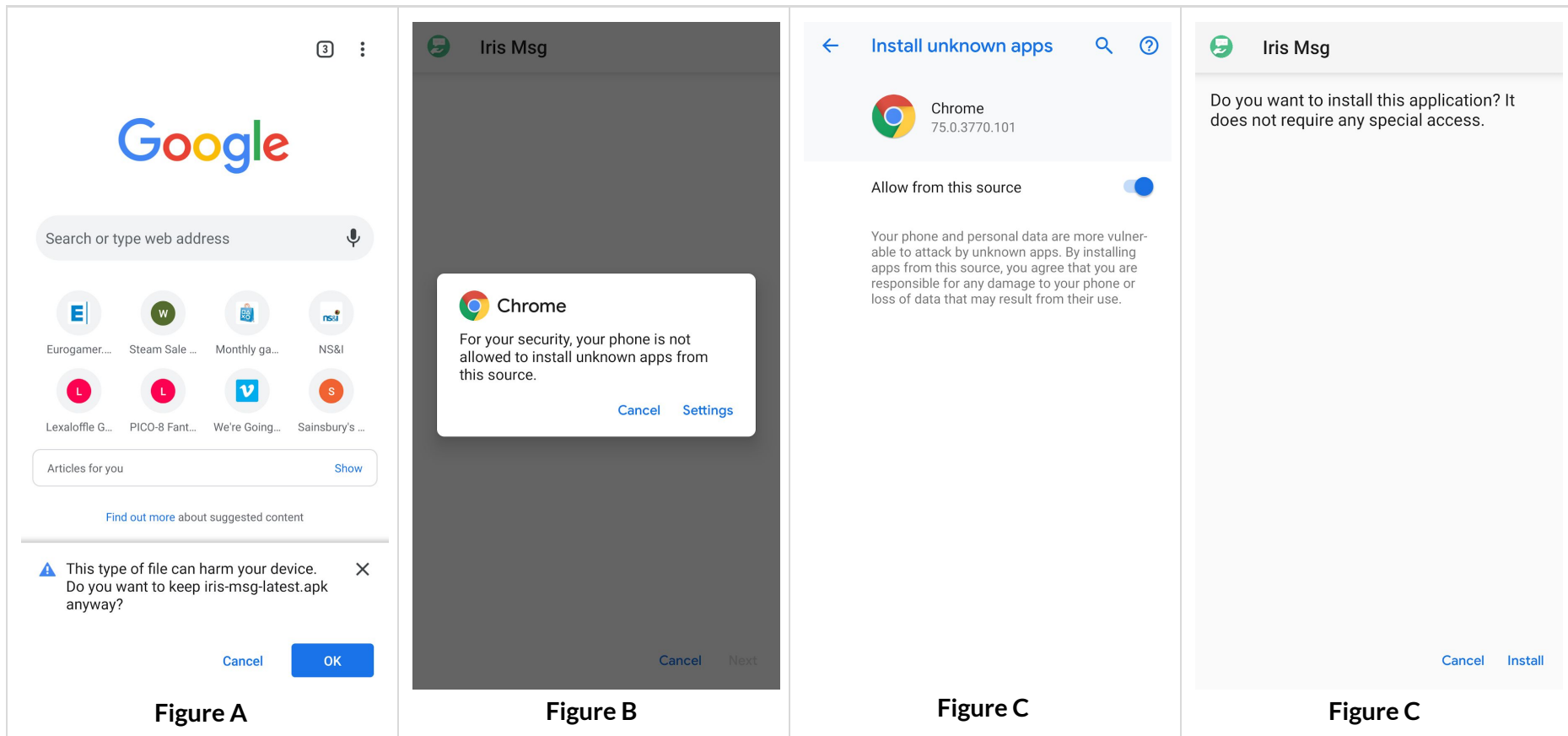
This guide walks you through how to download and setup IrisMsg (irismsg.io). This guide is for people who want to send messages through IrisMsg or those who want to donate their SMS to a cause.

To install IrisMsg you will need to have an Android phone, the app will request permissions when you first sign up. Unfortunately, you cannot install IrisMsg through the Android Play Store because of these permissions, so we have developed this guide. We will only ever use these permissions to send SMS when you specifically choose to donate during the research study.

We also provide an uninstall guide so you can return your phone to the state it was before you installed the app. If you have any questions at any time, contact help@irismsg.io for support.

Install steps

1. Open your web browser and go to app.irismsg.io, you'll receive a warning (shown in **Figure A**).
2. Press "OK" on the first popup and you'll be warned about installing "**unknown apps**" (shown in **Figure B**).
3. We need to turn this feature on, so press "**Settings**" on the second popup.
4. After that, turn "**Allow from this source**" and then navigate back (shown in **Figure C**)
5. You'll then be prompted to install the app and it will install (shown in **Figure D**)



Installing on older devices

On older devices (below Android 7) the process is a bit different.

1. Open "**Settings**"
2. Go to "**Security**"
3. Turn on "**Unknown sources**"

You'll need to download a file manager like [Cx File Explorer](#), [EZ File Explorer](#) or [File Manager](#) which can install the app for you. Once you have installed one:

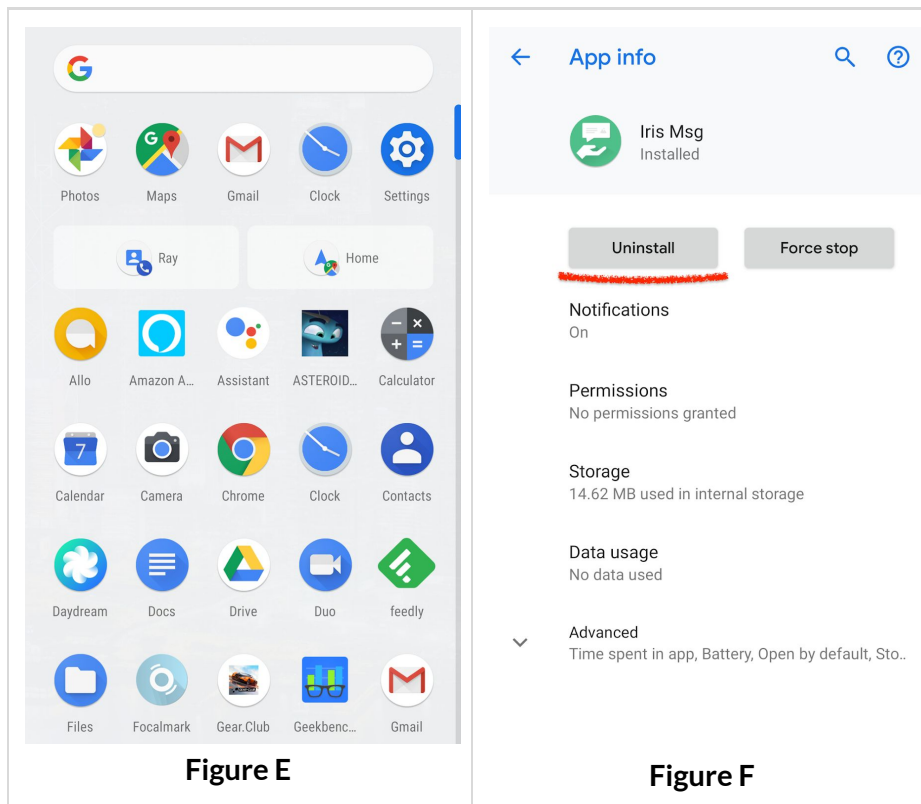
1. Go to your browser
2. Go to app.irismsg.io
3. Click "**Ok**" to the warning message
4. Then press install (shown in **Figure C**)

Uninstall steps

There are 2 parts to uninstalling the app. First is actually uninstalling the app, second is to remove the special permissions we set up.

Removing the app

1. Open your app drawer (shown in **Figure E**)
2. Press and hold on the IrisMsg icon to bring up the app's info (shown in **Figure F**)
3. Tap "**Uninstall**" to remove the app



Removing special permissions

1. Open the Settings app and open the **"Apps & Notifications"** section (shown in **Figure G**)
2. Toggle the **"Advanced"** section at the bottom of the page (shown in **Figure H**)
3. Open **"Special app access"** at the bottom of that page (shown in **Figure I**)
4. Find Chrome in that list (or the browser you used to install from) and tap it (shown in **Figure J**)
5. Turn off **"Allow from this source"** to remove the special permission (shown in **Figure K**)

