

[Apple iOS17 update - Warning for you and your family.](#)

[Apple's](#) latest operating system update, the iOS 17, [introduced "NameDrop"](#), an extension of the company's AirDrop feature allowing users to quickly and easily share contact information with other nearby iPhones and Apple Watches.

The concern, according to law enforcement and security experts, is that the feature's default setting is in the "on" position once users download the update to their phone.

### **How to turn off NameDrop**

Turn this default off by going to settings, then general. From there, select AirDrop, then "Bringing Devices Together," and toggle it to off.

[Police suggested parents change the setting on their children's phones, iPads and other Apple devices.](#)

### **Why could name NameDrop be dangerous?**

Tech and cyber security expert [Alan Crowetz told CBS Philadelphia](#) the feature can be especially dangerous for children.

"If a stranger walks by your child and gets their contact information," Crowetz, with [InfoStream](#), said, "they have their email and we've seen how the bad guys, the pedophiles and whatnot really take advantage of email, phone number for texting... From a cybersecurity point, this is a major red flag."

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