

# Transfer Signal using Signal-native Backup and Restore

The best source to install [Signal](https://signal.org/android/apk/#target) is always direct from the website

<https://signal.org/android/apk/#target>

## Export on the old phone

Open the Signal app and go to the settings. Navigate to *Chats* and then *Backups* (at the bottom). If they are disabled, turn them on.

[signal-export-5-location.png](#)

[signal-export-6-choose.png](#)

[signal-export-7-passphrase.png](#)

Note down the passphrase, you'll need it for the restoration!

## Data transfer

## Import on the new phone

Starting Signal the first time, it asks you if you want to set it up newly or restore from a backup.

On the next screen you will be asked if to restore from another device or from a file. Chose the latter:

[signal-restore-1-choose.png](#)

On the next screen click the button "Choose backup":

[signal-export-6-choose.png](#)

This opens the native Android file chooser. With the button top left you can switch between internal storage and memory card.

[signal-restore-3-open.png](#)

Choose your backup file.

The next screen will show you a few meta information on the file (age, size):

[signal-restore-4-confirm.png](#)

Tapping on "Restore backup" will ask you for the passphrase:

[signal-restore-5-passphrase.png](#)

Now, the restoration is in progress:

[signal-restore-6-progress.png](#)

Guide to be continued.....

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