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Putting an emoji over the baby's face? Here's what you need to know.



Good news: in most cases, the emoji stays put. Nobody can download your photo and undo it. Here's the one thing to avoid.

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Can the emoji come off? Almost never. Here's when.

The emoji stays on

These send a new, flattened picture.

- Posting to Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok or Snapchat
  Location is removed for viewers, too
- Texting or emailing the photo
  But location can tag along. Screenshot it to drop that.
- Samsung Quick Share
- iPhone AirDrop with normal settings

The emoji can come off

These hand over the original with your edits.

- iPhone AirDrop or iCloud link with **All Photos Data** turned on
  It's off unless you switch it on
- An iCloud **Shared Library**
  Everyone in it can edit, and undo, your edits
- Giving someone your original files
  Copying to their computer, a shared folder or drive
- A Google Photos link you shared **before** adding the emoji

EASIEST FIX **Emoji on → Screenshot → Send the screenshot**

Works on any phone, any app.
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1 **"Undo" only works on your phone.**

Your phone saves the original under your edit, just for you. That's the Revert button. Posting, texting, email and normal AirDrop send a new, flattened picture that nobody can undo.

2 **The one rule: don't share the original.**

Don't copy photos to someone's computer or thumb drive, or share a Google Drive, OneDrive or Dropbox folder. On iPhone, leave **All Photos Data** off and keep covered photos out of an iCloud **Shared Library**. Both are off unless you turn them on.

3 **Double-check before you send.**

Tap Save after adding the emoji, and look at the photo in your message before you send. Once in a while, a phone sends the unedited photo by mistake.

4 **Want zero worry? Screenshot it.**

A screenshot is never the original. It works on any phone, in any app, and drops the GPS location that texts and emails can carry.

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STEP BY STEP

The 10-second screenshot fix

Cover the face, take a screenshot, and share the screenshot. Here's exactly where to tap.

IPHONE

Make the safe copy

1. Open the photo in **Photos**, tap **Edit**, and add a **solid emoji or sticker** over the face.
2. Tap **Done**, then tap the photo once so it fills the screen.
3. Take a screenshot: press **Side button + Volume Up** together. (Home-button iPhones: **Side/Top + Home**.)
4. Tap the little preview to **crop** off the edges, then **Done → Save to Photos**.

> **Easier screenshots:** Settings → Accessibility → Touch → **Back Tap** → Double Tap → Screenshot. Now two taps on the back of the phone takes one.

IPHONE

Send the right one

1. Open **Photos** → **Collections** → **Media Types** → **Screenshots**.
2. Every screenshot lands here **automatically**. No setup needed.
3. Open your screenshot and tap **Share** → Messages, Facebook, email, wherever.
4. Your original stays in your library, untouched, for you.

> **Quickest of all:** right after you take the screenshot, tap the preview, then the **Share** button, and send it straight from there.

ANDROID

Same idea

1. Add a solid sticker or emoji over the face.
2. Screenshot it: **Power + Volume Down**.
3. Find it in **Google Photos → Collections → Screenshots** (Samsung: **Gallery → Albums → Screenshots**).
4. Share from there.

BEFORE YOU HIT SEND

Turn off location

1. Sending an original photo from an iPhone? Tap **Share**, then **Options** at the top.
2. Turn **Location** off.
3. Using AirDrop? Leave **All Photos Data** off.
4. Screenshots don't carry the camera's GPS location, so they're already covered.

TWO PICTURES, TWO JOBS

- **Original:** stays on your phone. It has the face and the location.
- **Screenshot:** the one you send or post.

SHARING ALBUMS WITH FAMILY?

- **iCloud Shared Library:** everyone in it can undo edits. Keep covered photos out, and check **Share Automatically**.
- **Google Photos link** shared before the emoji? Make a new link.

BEFORE YOU POST: A QUICK CHECKLIST

- ☑ Ask the parents first. It's their call.
- ☑ Use a solid emoji. No blur, no highlighter.
- ☑ Tap Save, then check the photo before you send.
- ☑ Post it or text it. Don't hand over your original files.
- ☑ AirDrop? Leave All Photos Data off.
- ☑ Keep covered photos out of an iCloud Shared Library.
- ☑ Want zero worry? Screenshot it.
- ☑ No name, birth date, hospital or house number in the shot.