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Limit necessary permissions to "while the app is in use".

You can check your permissions for each app. In the iOS Settings app under "Privacy and Security", and on Android in Settings under "Privacy" and "App permissions". In each menu, you'll be able to click through your list of apps and check the permissions granted each one.

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