SMS Veto

Quick Guide

Filter the noise, warn about the suspicious, never miss the important.

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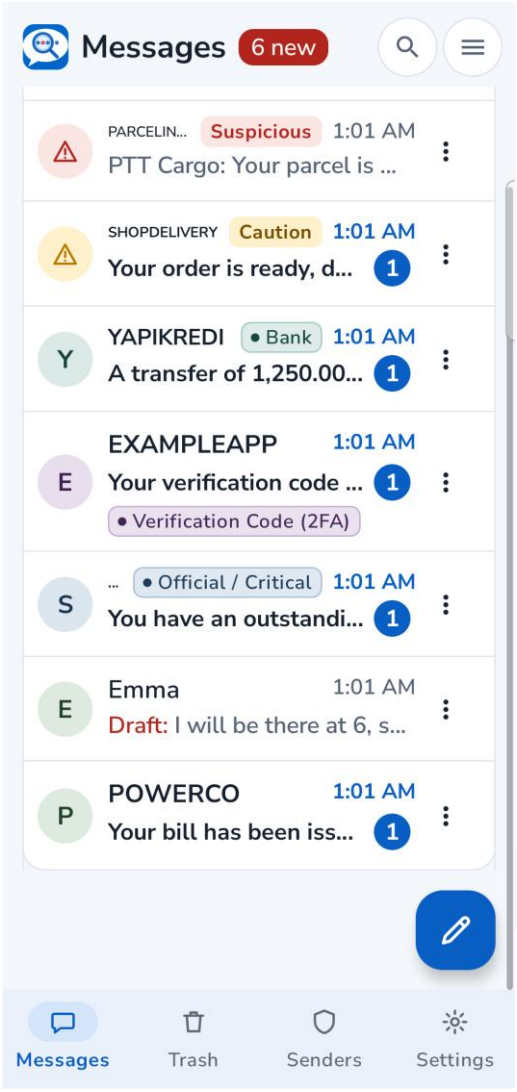
1. What is SMS Veto?

SMS Veto is a messaging app that sorts your inbox for you. It moves promotions and spam to the Trash, flags messages with signs of fraud, and keeps important messages from your bank and official bodies from getting lost.

Three principles

Principle	What it means
Filter the noise	Promotions, campaigns and gambling messages go to the Trash automatically. You can restore them within 30 days.
Warn about the suspicious	Fake banks, short links and imitated organization names are flagged on the message with a **yellow** or **red** warning.
Never miss the important	Verification codes, bank and official messages are shown separately and prominently; they are not sent to the Trash by mistake.

> **Privacy:** The app has **no internet permission**. Your messages, contacts and decisions cannot leave your phone; nothing is sent to any server.



Home screen: the IMPORTANT strip, Suspicious and Caution warnings, Bank, Verification Code and Official / Critical labels

2. How are messages sorted?

Every incoming message is put into a category based on its content and sender. The category appears as a small label next to the message.

Category	What kind of messages?	What happens?
Normal	Personal messages, parcels, bills, notifications.	Shown in the main list. No label.
Bank	Bank notifications, transfers, spending.	Shown prominently; never sent to the Trash.
Official / Critical	e-Government, social security, summons, enforcement, health appointments.	Shown prominently; never sent to the Trash.
Verification Code (2FA)	One-time login and confirmation codes.	On a separate card, with the code in large type. Old codes (after a time you choose) go to the Trash.
Shopping / Spam	Discounts, campaigns, promotional footers.	Sent to the Trash automatically.
Scam	Fake messages such as "Your card is blocked, enter your details".	Sent to the Trash automatically.
Gambling / Betting	Betting and casino ads.	Sent to the Trash automatically.
My categories	Categories you create (e.g. "School", "Orders"). Added under Settings > Categories, where you also pick the color.	Behave like Normal; not sent to the Trash.

If several things apply, who wins?

Sometimes a message fits more than one category (for example a campaign from a known organization). The decision is made in this order:

Order	Rule	Example

1	**Your decision**	You blocked a sender, marked it as spam or gave it a category: this comes before everything else.
2	**Security**	Verification codes and scam content are flagged even if the sender is a known bank. A message that looks like a code but contains a strong scam phrase (such as "your account is blocked" plus a short link) counts as Scam.
3	**Known sender**	Banks, carriers, official bodies and health senders are put in their category.
4	**Keyword and footer**	"Discount, campaign", and the commercial-message footer (a company number and "send CANCEL to opt out") count as promotion.

One sentence to remember: your decision always wins; security comes second.

3. Warnings: yellow and red

If you see a warning strip above a message, it carries some doubt. There are two levels.

Level	Why does it appear?	What to do
Yellow "Caution"	A short link (e.g. bit.ly): the real address is hidden. An unusual domain.	Check the sender and the content before tapping. If unsure, contact the organization yourself.
Red "Suspicious"	An organization name is imitated (e.g. says "PTT Cargo" but links to another site). Signs of fraud.	Do not tap the link or share codes or passwords. Send it to the Trash with "Mark as Spam".
Red "Suspicious"	**A message asking for a code:** within 15 minutes after a verification code reached your phone, a message that asks you for that code (Turkish, English, German, Russian, Azerbaijani, Arabic).	Do not share the code with anyone, even if someone you know writes: it is a common way to take over accounts. Call that person first.

Every warning has a **"Why?"** button that explains the reason in plain language.

Links sit inside the message. In a normal message the link is blue and tappable (in MMS too); in a message with a red warning the link is red and struck through, and tapping it first asks for a two-step confirmation. The domain name is shown in bold, so a fake address stands out at a glance.

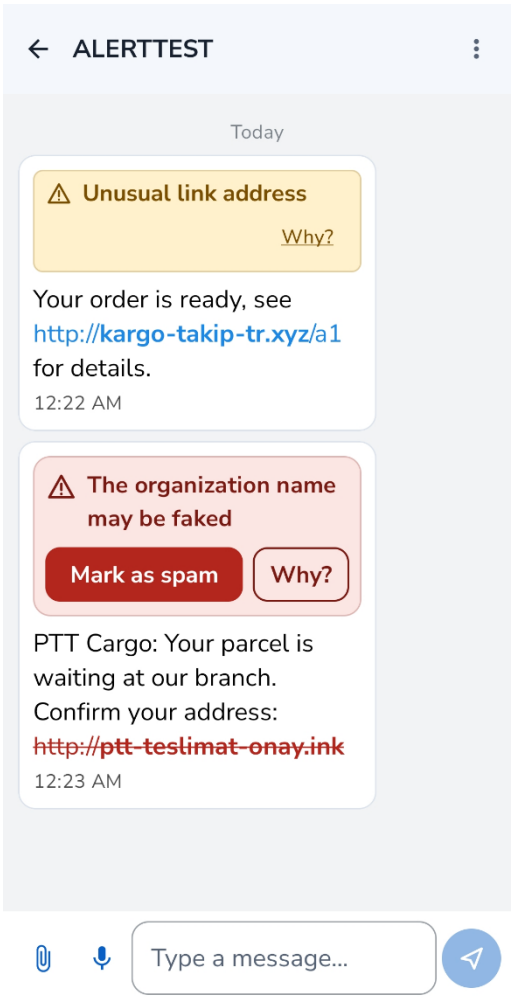
A wrong warning?

Option	What it does
Not suspicious	Removes the warning and the link lock of that message only, then you choose what the message really is (Bank, Normal…); if you cancel, only the warning is removed. Changes nothing else and learns nothing. Once you pick the category yourself, the "Wrong?" card closes. Find it in the message's ⓘ window; the "Why?" text on a red warning reminds you of this path.
Do not show yellow warnings from this sender	Silences future **yellow** warnings from the same sender. The category and the spam rules stay the same. You can undo it by tapping the "Yellow warning muted" badge on the Senders screen.

> **What switches a yellow warning off?** Only the app's built-in, verified list of organizations (banks, hospitals, operators, official bodies) and your own "Do not show yellow warnings from this sender"

decision. A sender you add to your own category or mark as Operator / Subscription / Courier does not switch it off: every message is judged by its own content.

A red warning is never silenced. Even if you chose a sender type or muted the sender, an imitated organization name or a sign of fraud is always shown, because scammers can imitate a real bank's name.



Yellow ("Short link") and red ("The organization name may be faked") warning strips on the message screen; links sit inside the text

Warnings that follow your country (My country)

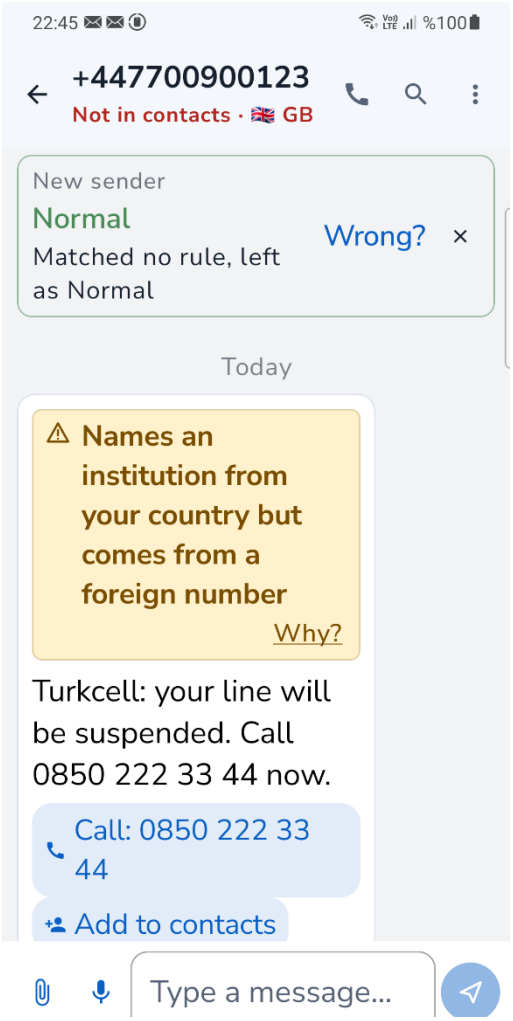
Settings > Messages and sending > **My country**: **Automatic** reads your country from the SIM and network; you can also choose one or more countries by hand. The choice is never sent anywhere. The organization-name and link checks follow this choice; the official addresses of banks, couriers, operators and similar organizations of 40 countries are built in. If you live abroad, just choose the country you live in.

Warning	When does it appear?	Level

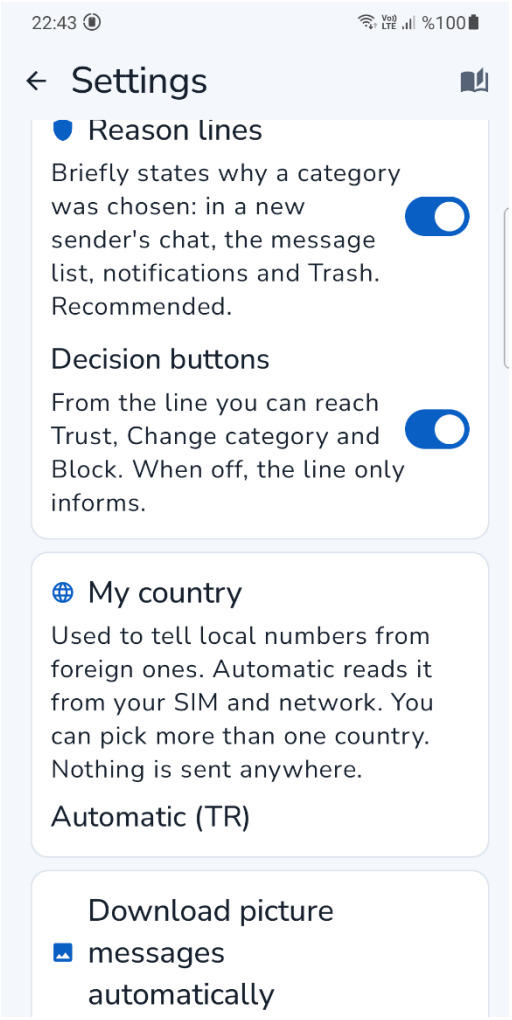
"Names an organization in your country but comes from a foreign number"	A message that names an organization in your country and contains a link or a number to call arrives from another country's number (not shown for people in your contacts).	**Yellow**
"Speaks like a bank or an official body but comes from an ordinary phone number"	A message that speaks for a bank, courier or official body, mentions an account or payment, and contains a link or phone number arrives from an ordinary mobile number.	**Yellow**
"Names an organization but the link is not its known address"	In countries other than Turkey, an organization is named but the link is not that organization's known address.	**Yellow**

If the language of the message or the domain ending of the link (e.g. .ru) does not fit the country, one extra sentence is added to the warning.

> **Outside Turkey:** a red warning is given only for Turkish organizations; in other countries these checks are yellow warnings. The official addresses of the 40 countries were checked on the internet but not measured on real messages.



"Names an institution from your country" warning on a foreign number



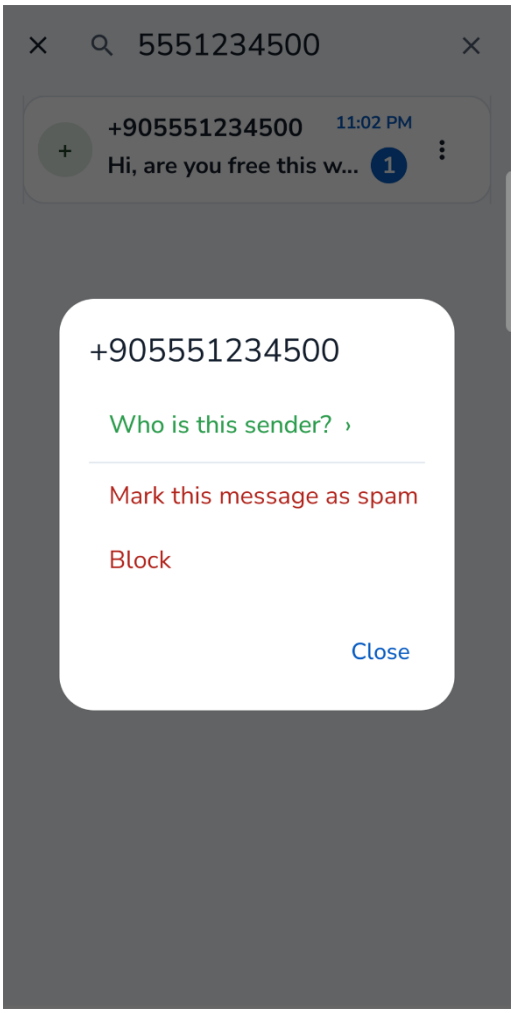
Settings > Messages and sending: My country

4. What can I do about a sender?

If a message was judged wrongly, you decide about the sender in **one window**. It is called **"This sender..."** and its icon is a shield with a "?" inside.

Where does it open?

- **In the main list:** tap the three dots (⋮) on the right of a row, then "This sender..." under "Sender".
- **On the message screen:** from the top menu, "This sender...".
- **There is no such window in the Trash:** there you only restore the message. Decide about the sender after restoring it, from the two places above.



"This sender..." window: Who is this sender?, Make this message spam, Block

Four options, four meanings

Option	Meaning	When?

Who is this sender? (Bank, Official, Hospital, Operator, Subscription, Courier, Insurance, your own categories, No category)	You choose the sender's type; one sender record is created. The label on the main list, the badge on Senders and the Important strip all show the same name. Your choice does not vouch for the sender like a real institution: warnings and security checks stay fully on for messages with fake links or code requests. If you choose "No category" the app decides.	It really is your bank, carrier or hospital; or a new or renamed company that is not on the built-in list.
Settings > Categories	For Operator, Subscription, Courier and your own categories there are two switches: "show outage and fault messages in the Important strip" and "count promotions as Spam" (nothing goes to the Trash by itself). Senders you added are listed here and removed here.	When you want to tune the behavior to your needs.
Why? / Fix…	Tap the ⓘ next to a message (every incoming message has it, except in group chats), or long-press the message, to open it: it shows why the message is in that category. If it is wrong, fix it here: "Change this message's category", "This sender…" (everything about the sender), "Not suspicious", turn off the sender's yellow warnings, or delete a learned rule. All in one place.	A label or warning looks wrong.
Make this message spam	Only that message goes to the Trash; the sender's other messages (such as verification codes) are not affected. You are asked about similar messages; if you agree, later similar ones go to the Trash too.	A promotion message you do not want.
Block	The sender is blocked (shown with a "Blocked" badge on the Senders screen) and its messages go to the Trash. You are asked to confirm first. For a sender that is already blocked, "Unblock" appears instead of "Block".	You never want to see it.

On a new sender: why this category?

When you open a message from a new sender who is not in your contacts, a short line appears above the chat: the category and the reason (for example "Gambling · the message contains "bahis""). You do not have to do anything; the app has already decided the category. Tap **"Who is this sender?"** or **Block**; the result of each is shown first and can be undone with **Undo** (Block waits 10 seconds by default before moving messages to the Trash; you can change this time in Settings > Messages and sending, or enter 0 to block immediately). The same reason also shows in the message list, the notification and the Trash; you can turn it off in Settings > Messages and Sending.

Select several senders at once

On the Senders screen **press and hold** a sender: selection opens and you can pick several senders. The **Delete** icon at the top moves **all their messages** to the Trash in one step (restorable for 30 days). The confirmation is the same as on the main list: **locked messages are not deleted**; verification-code, bank and official messages are kept unless you tick the box. A sender that is neither blocked nor given a type by you disappears from the list once it has no messages left (the list is built from messages) and comes back when a new message arrives. If the selection includes a **blocked** sender or a sender whose type you chose, the window shows an "Unblock / Remove record" box (ticked by default): when ticked, those decisions are removed too and the sender leaves the list; untick it to keep them. Tap the **X** at the top or Back to leave selection.

Blocking numbers, names and words

The **Senders** screen is the one place to block numbers and names (three-dot menu > "Block a number or name"). Tap a sender to open its messages; for a blocked sender the Trash opens filtered to it. **Blocked words** has its own screen: any message containing the word goes to the Trash.

> **Everything can be undone.** Messages in the Trash are kept for 30 days. A sender whose type you chose stays on the **Senders** screen even if you delete its messages, so you can find it and remove the record. Decisions are stored independently of messages.

5. Trash

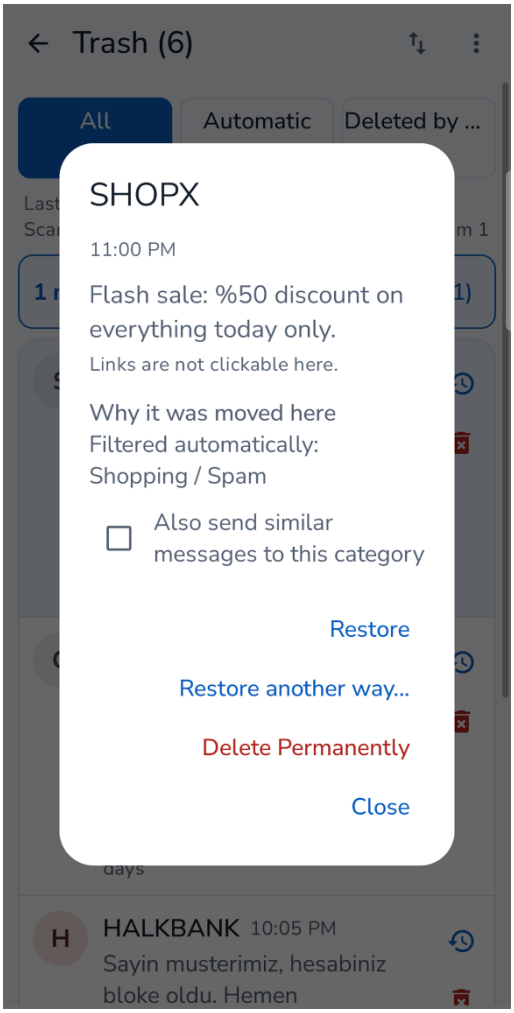
Deleted and automatically sorted messages go to the Trash first and are kept for **30 days**. Locked messages are protected and are never deleted.

Tab	Contents
All	Everything in the Trash.
Automatic	What the app sorted for you (Shopping/Spam, Scam, Gambling, senders you marked as spam).
My deletions	What you deleted by hand.

When you tap a message

It opens: the full text (plain text, **links are not clickable** so you cannot open a harmful link by accident), the date, the sender and **why it was sorted** ("Sorted automatically: Shopping / Spam", "You deleted it", and so on).

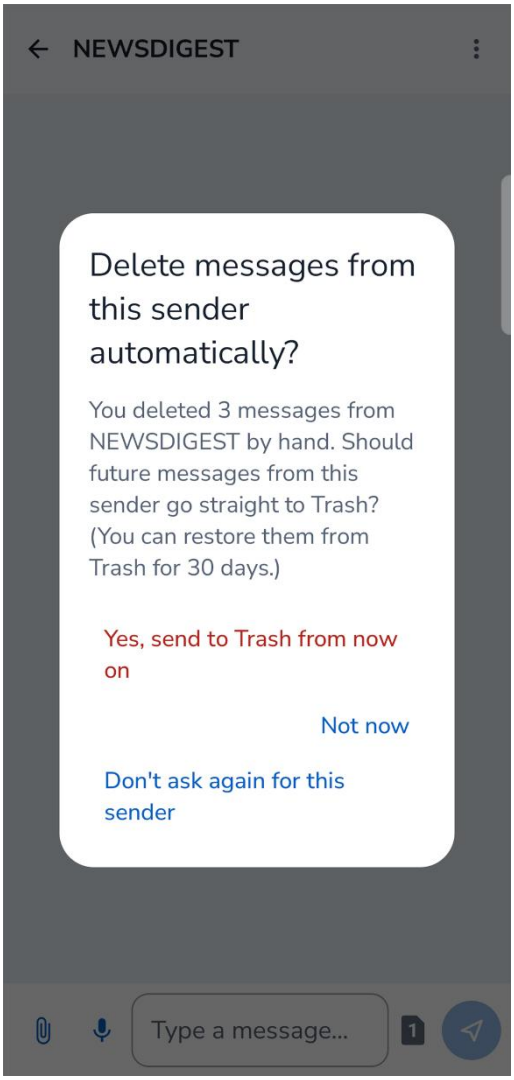
Button	What it does
Restore	Puts the message back in the main list as Normal. If a learned rule had sorted it, that rule is deleted.
Restore in another category	Restores it with the category you choose. By default it affects only that message; nothing is learned.
"Also send similar messages to this category"	If you tick it (off by default), new messages with similar content go to that category too. It is offered only for automatically sorted Shopping/Spam messages.
Delete Permanently	Deletes the message for good.



Trash: the window that opens when you tap a message (why it was sorted, restore, restore in another category)

If you keep deleting the same sender

If you delete 3 messages from the same sender by hand, the app asks **once**: "Learn from the messages you deleted?" Choices: **Yes, send similar ones to Trash** (the pattern of the deleted messages is learned; similar messages go to the Trash even from another number, restorable for 30 days; the sender's **other messages and verification codes are not affected**), **Not now**, **Don't ask again for this sender**. Nothing is learned without your approval. It never asks about verification codes, locked messages, known banks and organizations, or people in your contacts. You can turn the question off completely with **Settings > Deletion suggestions**.



The one-time question after deleting the same sender 3 times

6. Every variation: examples

The messages and senders below are **fictional**. Each one shows the app's real decision and the reason.

Sender	Message	Result	Why?
SHOPX	*"Big discount campaign has started, don't miss the chance."*	Shopping / Spam, Trash	Discount, campaign and opportunity words.
CARDBRAND (unknown)	*"50 TL refund on your overseas spending... If you do not want messages, send CANCEL. Company No: ..."*	Shopping / Spam, Trash	The company number and "send CANCEL to opt out" footer appear only in advertising; even with a banking word it is an ad.
BANKX (known bank)	*"Special loan offer... send CANCEL to opt out. Company No: ..."*	Bank	A known bank header is protected; an advertising footer does not make it spam.
BANKX	*"Spend and earn points, you won."*	Bank	"You won" alone is not treated as a scam for a known bank.
UNKNOWNCO	*"Congratulations, you won! To collect your gift click now: http://gift-claim.xyz/g"*	Scam, Trash	Unknown sender + risky phrase + suspicious link.
BANKX	*"Your card will be closed, enter your card details: http://bit.ly/..."*	Scam, Trash	Security comes first: even for a known sender, "enter your card details" with a short link is dangerous.
UNKNOWNCO	*"Your verification code is 482913. Do not share it with anyone."*	Verification Code	A keyword followed by a code-like number. Never share the code.
POWERCO	*"Your bill has been issued, due date 28 Oct."*	Normal	A known carrier/utility header.
SSI	*"You have a premium debt."*	Official / Critical	A known official body header.

UNKNOWNOFFICE	*"A summons has been issued in your name, see the court portal."*	Official / Critical	The content looks like a real official notice; not treated as an ad even if the sender is unknown.
BETSITE	*"Live betting and casino jackpot opportunity awaits."*	Gambling / Betting, Trash	Words specific to betting sites.
CITYHALL CLUB BANKUNION	*"Event notice... Garbage collection times..."*	Normal	Mass-notice senders are deliberately not in the "Official / Critical" list so they do not flood it.
+90 555 111 22 33	*"Hi, are you free tomorrow? Waiting for you for tea."*	Normal	A personal message. A message from a phone number is not treated as spam.
PTT Cargo (imitated)	*"PTT Cargo: Your parcel is waiting. Confirm address: ptt-delivery-confirm.ink"*	Red warning	The organization name appears but the link is not that organization's official address.
PTT	*"Your parcel reached our branch. Tracking: RR123456789TR"*	Normal	A plain parcel notice does not enter the Important strip; with official content such as a legal notice it would be Official / Critical.
HOSPITAL	*"Your appointment is 12.11.2026 14:00. Come with your ID number."*	Normal	The word for ID alone does not make a message Official / Critical.
0532 111 22 33 (unknown)	*"Verification code 123456. Your account is blocked, update at bit.ly/..."*	Scam, Trash	Even with a code word, a strong scam phrase plus a short link: security comes first.

> This table uses the same decision rules as the app's automatic tests; when the rules change, the tests and this guide are updated together.

7. Everyday tips

Main list

- **Three dots on a row:** Pin to top, Archive, Lock, This sender..., Delete.
- **Swipe:** swipe a row to Archive or Delete (Settings > Swipe actions). Swiping to delete moves **all of the sender's messages** to the Trash (it asks first; like other SMS apps); locked messages stay. To delete a single message, long-press it on the message screen.
- **Long press:** multi-select. The messages you select are deleted; locked ones are kept.
- **Important strip:** at the top of the list, unread verification codes, bank, official, outage and (if the switch is on) bill messages show in up to 3 cards. With more than 3, the "+N more" line under the cards opens a list that slides up from the bottom and shows them all; tap a row to open that message. If an outage notice stays Normal (the sender has no category, or the category's outage switch is off), a side line and an ⓘ appear on the message screen; the ⓘ explains why and what to do.
- **Ready start (new installs, Turkish):** on first launch you can optionally add ready-made categories (School/Education, Association, Foundation, Municipality/Announcements), quick replies and sample messages. Nothing is added unless you choose, and it is not shown to existing users. The sample messages (senders starting with DEMO-) can be added at any time and deleted in one tap from the "Sample messages" card at the bottom of Settings.
- **Search:** Turkish letters and upper/lower case do not matter.

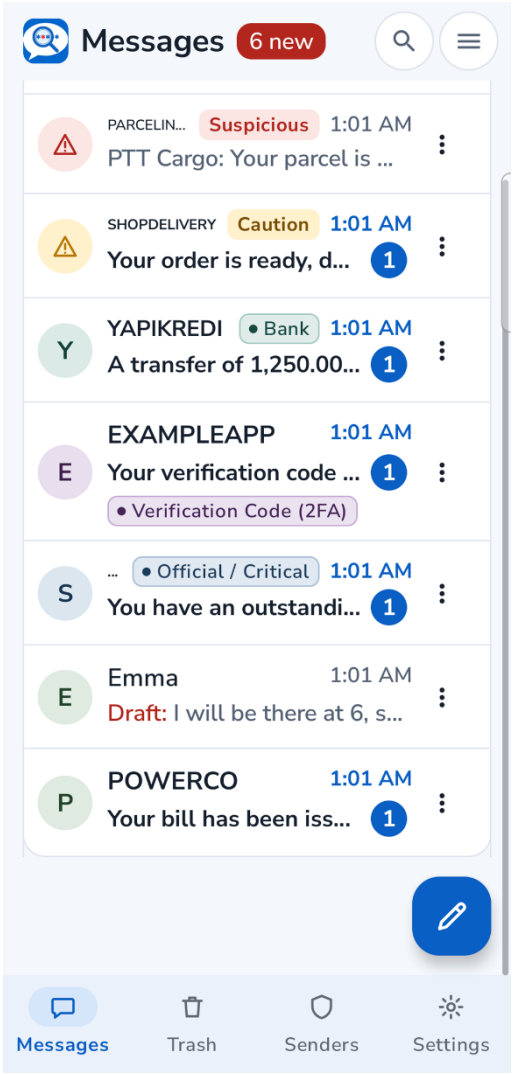
Notifications

- **Actions in the notification:** an incoming-message notification has **Reply** (type and send without opening the app; only for real phone numbers and messages without a warning), **Mark as read** and, for verification codes, **Copy code**.
- **Sound only for people you choose:** Settings > Notifications > "Notification sound only for chosen contacts" (off by default). You pick people from your address book; only they (and senders you gave a custom ringtone) make a sound, everyone else arrives as a silent notification. Verification codes and critical messages are still announced; your choices are included in the backup.
- **Widget and shortcuts:** you can add a home screen widget that shows how many senders have unread messages. Long-press the app icon for **New Message** and **Trash** shortcuts.
- **Blocking calls (optional):** Senders screen > three-dot menu > "Block calls from blocked numbers". Calls from numbers you have blocked are rejected without ringing; hidden numbers are never blocked. Android asks you to choose SMS Veto as the call screening app.
- **Wide screens:** with an unfolded foldable phone or on a tablet, the message list is on the left and the open message on the right.

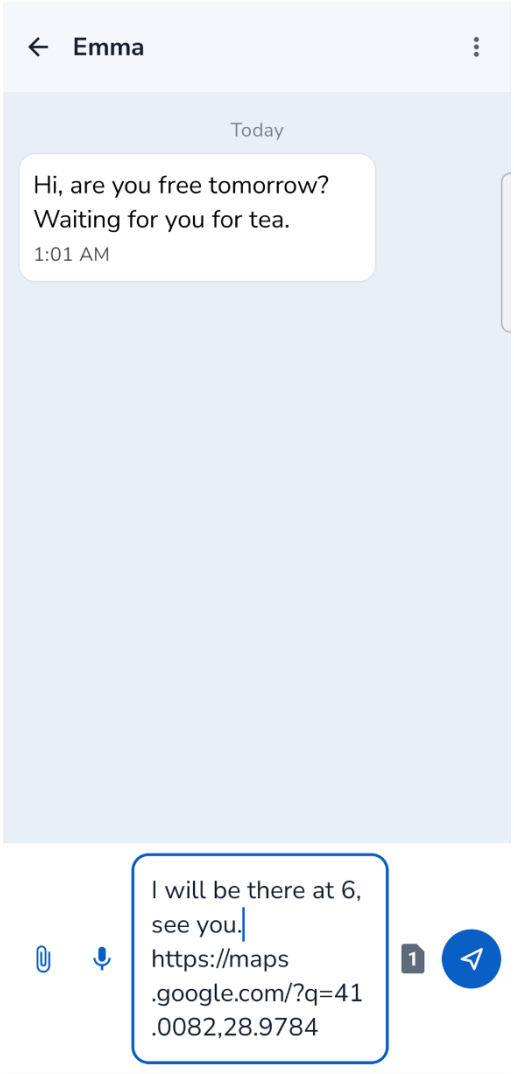
Message screen

- **Phone numbers:** if a message contains a real phone number, Call and Add to contacts buttons appear under it. Digits next to words such as subscription, contract, customer, invoice or reference (for example "subscription number 5321234567") are not treated as a phone number.
- **Tap anywhere on the row of a message** (including the empty space beside the bubble): the Copy, Share, Message details, Select, Lock, Delete menu opens.

- **Draft:** if you type a message and leave without sending, the text is kept; it shows in the main list as a red "Draft:" and comes back when you open the message screen. Pictures and voice attachments are not kept.
- **Quick replies:** save your frequent short answers in Settings > Advanced settings > Quick Replies. When a person saved in your contacts (or a group) wrote last and your message box is empty, your saved replies (up to 5) appear above it as a strip; one tap adds the text, it is not sent automatically. With no saved reply the strip shows "+ Add quick reply". For numbers that are not in your contacts (or when the strip is off), choose "Quick Reply" in the attach menu. Quick replies work only for real phone numbers (not for lettered senders such as a bank name). They stay on the phone, are included in the backup and are sent nowhere.
- **Sample replies:** with an empty list, an “Add sample replies” button appears; nothing is added on its own.
- **Double-tap to send a quick reply:** if you turn on "Send quick replies with a double tap" in Settings > Advanced settings > Quick Replies (off by default), double-tapping a quick reply above the message box sends it immediately; a single tap still adds the text to the box. A sent SMS cannot be taken back; if the send delay is on, a countdown appears.
- **Long messages:** a very long message is shortened on the message screen; tap the grey **…more** after the last word to see all of it. The stored message is never shortened.
- **Verification codes on the lock screen:** turn on the switch in Settings > Messages & Sending to hide the verification-code notification on the lock screen (off by default).
- **Add location:** "Location" in the attach menu. The app does **not read** your location and asks for no permission: you paste a link copied from a map app or type coordinates, and it is added to the message as a link.



"Draft:" in the main list



A draft and an added location link in the composer

Appearance and search

- **Theme:** Settings > Appearance > Theme: **Light**, **Dark** or **Follow the phone**. In the dark theme your own background, bubble and card colours are not applied (they stay saved for the light theme).
- **Search in Settings:** every setting is found by its title and description; only the matching card is shown and your word is lightly highlighted in yellow. Accent differences do not matter.
- **Search in Senders:** the magnifier at the top; find by name and badge name (Bank, Hospital...).
- **About:** the sections of Main menu > About are expandable cards; "What's new in this version" shows the latest items and "All history" opens the rest.
- **MMS and Turkish letters:** at some operators letters such as ı, ş, ğ can show as "?" at the other end. With Settings > Messages and sending > "Simplify accented letters in outgoing messages" on, the message arrives readable (off by default).
- **Update reminder:** if you tap "Later" in the "New version available" window, the update stays in Settings > Updates in a "Update you postponed" card and you are reminded once more after about 3 days. "Open in Play" lets you update whenever you like. If you missed the window, tap **"New Version?"** in Main menu > About and Privacy (it takes you to the update

section at the end of the About page): "Open in Play" is active only when Google Play shows a new version; "Download from website" always opens the download page in the browser.

Sending

- **Scheduled sending:** schedule a message for a later date.
- **Bulk messages:** send to several people one by one.
- **Saved groups:** save a selection of people under a name (e.g. "Family"). You can add ready-made messages to each group (holidays, special days). A group message with the same members appears under the saved name.

> **Charges:** SMS, and especially MMS, can be charged according to your carrier's plan. Check the number of recipients before bulk and group sending.

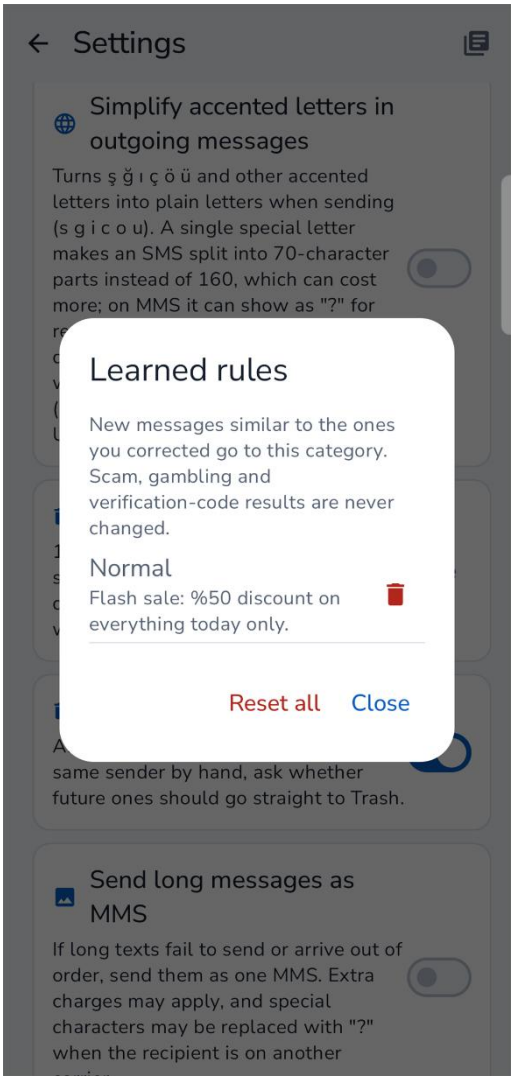
8. Privacy and backup

- **No internet permission.** The app cannot connect to the internet at all, so it cannot send any data out.
- **Your decisions are on the device:** blocks, sender types, categories and saved groups stay only on your phone.
- **Backup:** a backup made in Settings includes messages, your decisions (blocks, sender types, categories), saved groups and settings. Drafts and deletion counters are not included.
- **Encrypted backup:** every backup is encrypted. Without a password the backup still opens only inside SMS Veto; an optional password (at least 8 characters) adds protection on top, and the backup cannot be opened without it. If you forget the password, the password-protected backup cannot be recovered. The weekly automatic backup has no password (it opens only inside SMS Veto). Backups made by earlier versions can still be restored. On older phones, making or restoring a password-protected backup can take about 6-7 seconds.
- **Languages:** Turkish, English, German, Russian, Azerbaijani and Arabic come with the app; French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Hindi and Bengali are added with a language file (14 languages in all; Settings > Language).

9. Frequently asked questions

Question	Answer
An important message went to the Trash. What do I do?	Open it in the Trash and choose **"Restore another way…"**: you restore the message in another category or by choosing the sender type (Bank, Hospital...); if you choose a type it will not be sorted away again. To rescue only the message, "Restore" is enough.
Later messages from a sender keep going to the Trash.	You may have marked this sender as Spam in an earlier version (now "Make this message spam" marks only that message). The "Why it was sorted" line says "You marked this sender as spam". Choose **Restore**: your spam or category decision for that sender is removed too, the message is judged again and later messages are sorted automatically. You can also remove it under **Settings > Learned rules** in the section "Senders marked as spam (older versions)" with the trash icon.
I chose a sender type but a warning still appears.	Tap the ⓘ next to the message (or long-press it and open "Why? / Fix…") and use "Not suspicious" to remove the warning of that one message only; then choose what the message really is in the window that opens.
A message looked like a scam but it is real.	Long-press the message and use "Not suspicious" in "Why? / Fix…" to remove the warning of that one message only.

Can I recover a message I deleted?	Within 30 days, yes, from the Trash. Messages deleted permanently, or after 30 days, do not come back.
The sender is not on the Senders list.	The list shows only lettered headers (organizations, brands), not phone numbers. A sender whose type you chose stays on the list even if its messages are deleted.
The app learned something wrong. How do I fix it?	Three ways: (1) tap the message and choose **"Delete this rule"** from the menu (shown when the message matched a learned rule); (2) **Settings > Messages & Sending > Learned rules > Manage**: view the rules and delete them one by one or **Reset all**; (3) if you restore a message from the Trash, the rule that matched it is deleted too. Deleting only affects future messages.
I live abroad and my bank messages get a yellow warning.	Choose your country in Settings > Messages and sending > **My country** (or leave it on Automatic). The organization-name and link checks follow the official addresses of the country you chose; outside Turkey only yellow warnings are given.
I got "Names an organization in your country but comes from a foreign number".	The message names an organization in your country but comes from another country's number: scammers often do this. Do not tap the link or call the number in the message; contact the organization through its official app or the number on the back of your card.
The app keeps asking "Learn from the messages you deleted?".	Turn off Settings > Deletion suggestions, or choose "Don't ask again for this sender" in the question.



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