

## How to Video Chat

*There are many ways to connect, including using technology to have “face-to-face” time with friends and loved ones. Check out these resources and how-to’s for connecting through FaceTime and other applications.*

Connecting with family and loved ones has never been so easy and difficult at the same time. Using a video chat allows for face-to-face time to connect and offers options for creative conversations, such as showing a friend your knitting project. But if you’re not experienced with the technology, it can be frustrating or confusing.

There are many different ways to video chat depending on what device you are using. There are also a number of social media outlets that provide a video chat feature. With so many options, it may feel overwhelming. Below are resources to help you learn how to video chat using the method you prefer.

### How to video chat on:

- **Your devices (phone, tablet, computer)**
  - Apple devices: [Apple iOS devices including iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Mac computer](#)
  - Android devices: Android devices do not have the “Facetime” video chat option, like Apple devices do. Google duo is a common choice for video chatting among Android and non-Android users alike. [Learn how to set up Google Duo](#), and [how to make a Google Duo video chat call](#). Make your friends and family have the application as well so you can connect with each other.
- **Web-based video chat services**
  - [Skype](#)
  - [Zoom](#)
- **Social Media**
  - [Facebook](#)

**Tips and tricks:**

- Ask your friends or family which devices they use and determine if you are able to video chat with them from your device using the same video chat application.
- If your video chat applications are incompatible, try web-based or social media chat services.
- For easy to understand workshops, visit [Senior Planet](#) for regularly scheduled free webinars covering topics from video chat, to sending and organizing digital photos, to hosting your own virtual meeting.
- Looking for an easier way to stay in the loop? Check out technologies that are simplified to meet the needs of older adults without all the confusion of a complicated device. Check out suggested [phones for seniors](#) and tablets and applications like [GrandPad](#) to help you stay connected.