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Android is adding Gemini scam checks to Google Messages and hiding bank details during screen sharing

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- ☐ **Update Google Messages and Android.** Install pending updates from the Play Store and your phone's system update settings so new protections can reach your phone.
 - ☐ **Look for enhanced protection mode in Google Messages.** Once it appears in settings, decide whether you're comfortable with unknown-sender conversations being checked by Google's cloud Gemini models.
 - ☐ **Check Scam Detection on supported phones.** Open Settings, search for Scam Detection and make sure message scam alerts are on.
 - ☐ **Stop screen sharing if a caller asks for it.** Hiding bank details in Chrome only works on Android 15 and later, and the safest step is not to share your screen with someone who called you.
 - ☐ **Turn on Call Scam Detection on a Pixel 9 or later.** It's off by default; switch it on in the Phone app's settings.
 - ☐ **Check call forwarding.** Look in your phone's call settings or your carrier's settings and turn off any forwarding you didn't set up.
 - ☐ **Treat links from unknown numbers with suspicion.** Open the company's app or type its web address yourself rather than tapping a link in a text.
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