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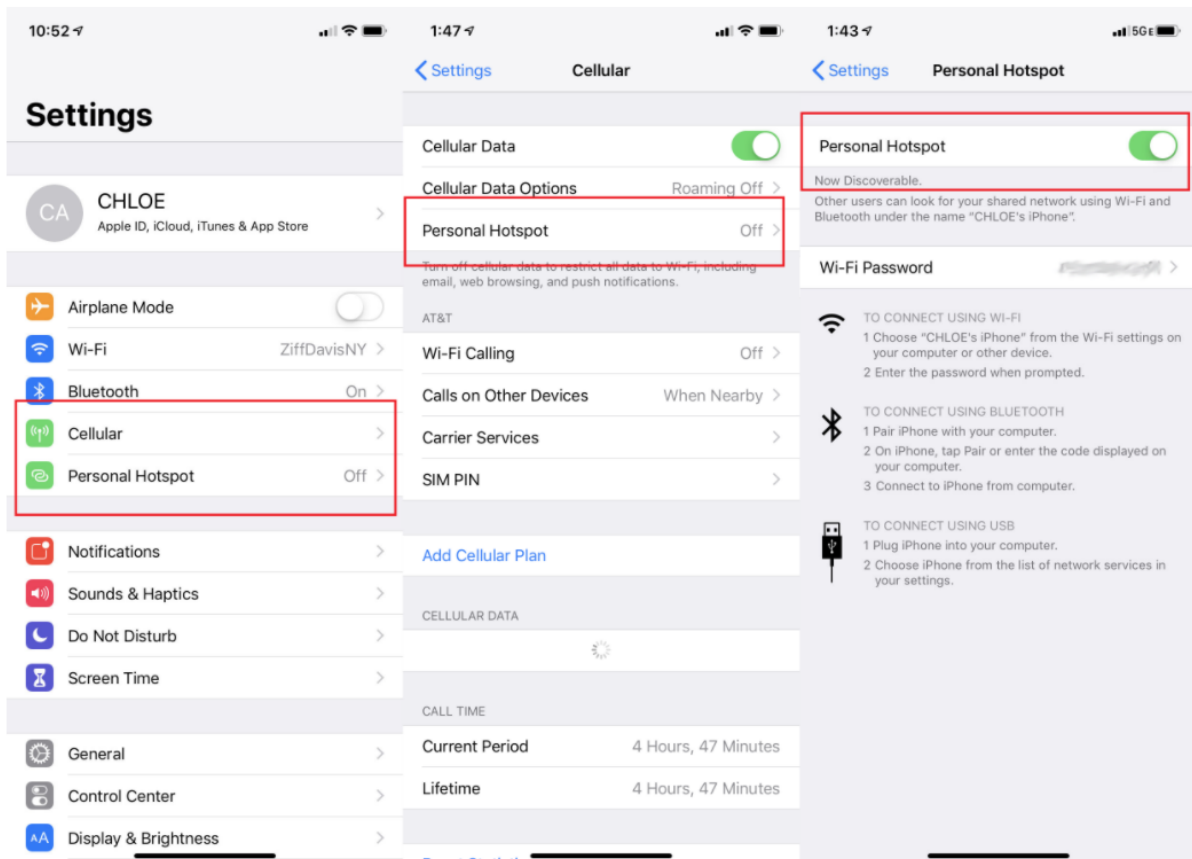
To set up a personal hotspot on your iPhone or iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular), go to **Settings > Personal Hotspot** and toggle it on (if you don't see Personal Hotspot in Settings, tap **Cellular > Personal Hotspot**). Make note of the Wi-Fi password.

Open the Wi-Fi menu on the device you need to connect to the internet. Look for your iOS device (ex: PCMag's iPhone), tap it, and enter the password that appears on your iPhone's Personal Hotspot screen.
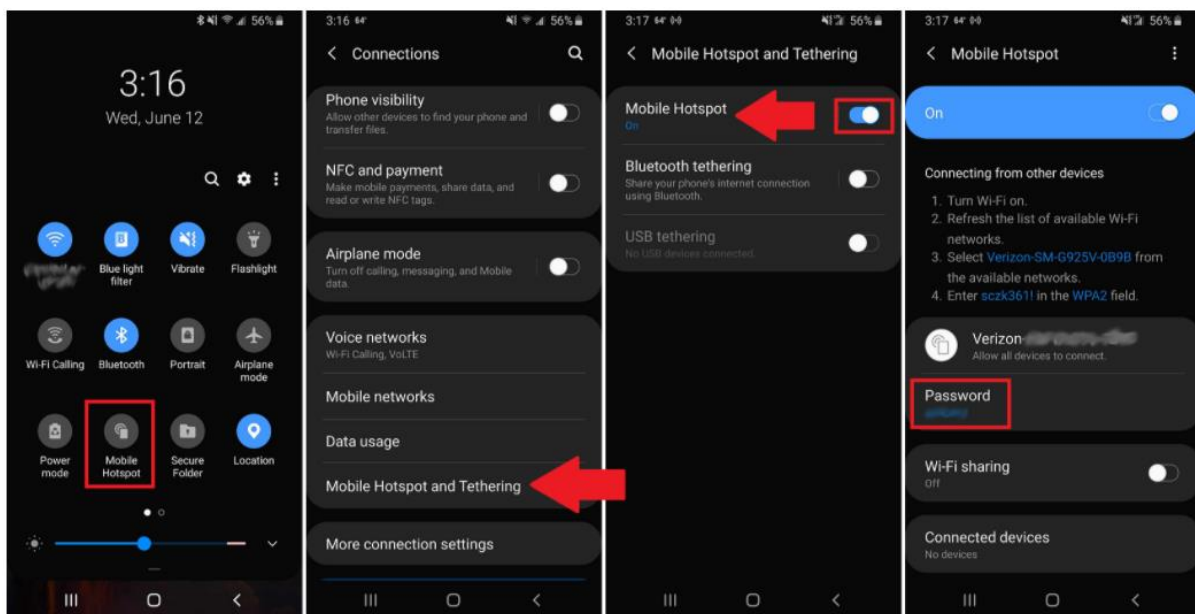
Your secondary device should now be able to surf the web (and consume mobile data). To disconnect, toggle Personal Hotspot to off on your iOS device.

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Samsung

Below you can see what it looks like on a Samsung Galaxy S8 running Android 9.0 Pie. You can either pull down and tap the Mobile Hotspot option in the menu to activate. Or navigate to **Connections > Mobile Hotspot and Tethering > Mobile Hotspot** and toggle it on. A pop-up window will appear, where you can find the Wi-Fi password for devices that want to connect.
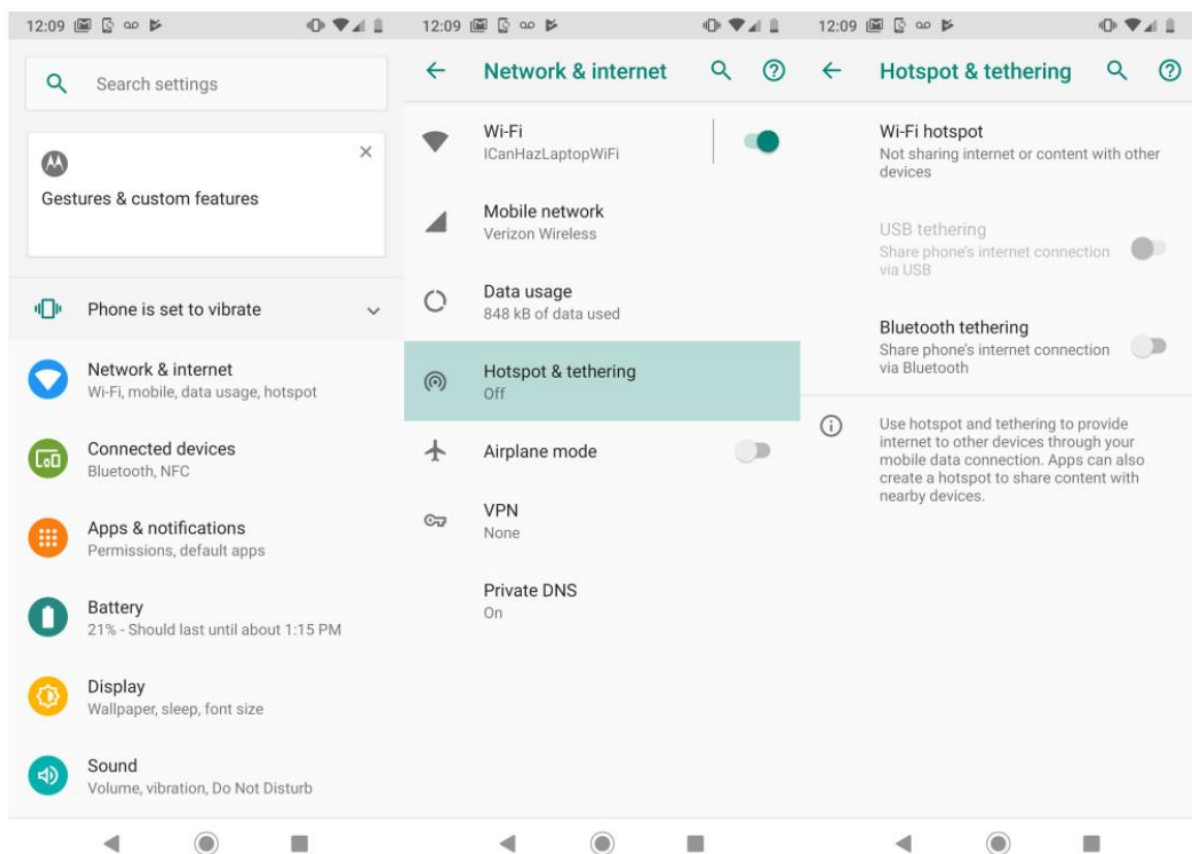
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Motorola Moto

To turn on tethering on a Moto Z4 running Android Pie, navigate to **Settings > Network & internet > Hotspot & tethering**. Here, you can select to share a connection via Wi-Fi, USB, or Bluetooth.
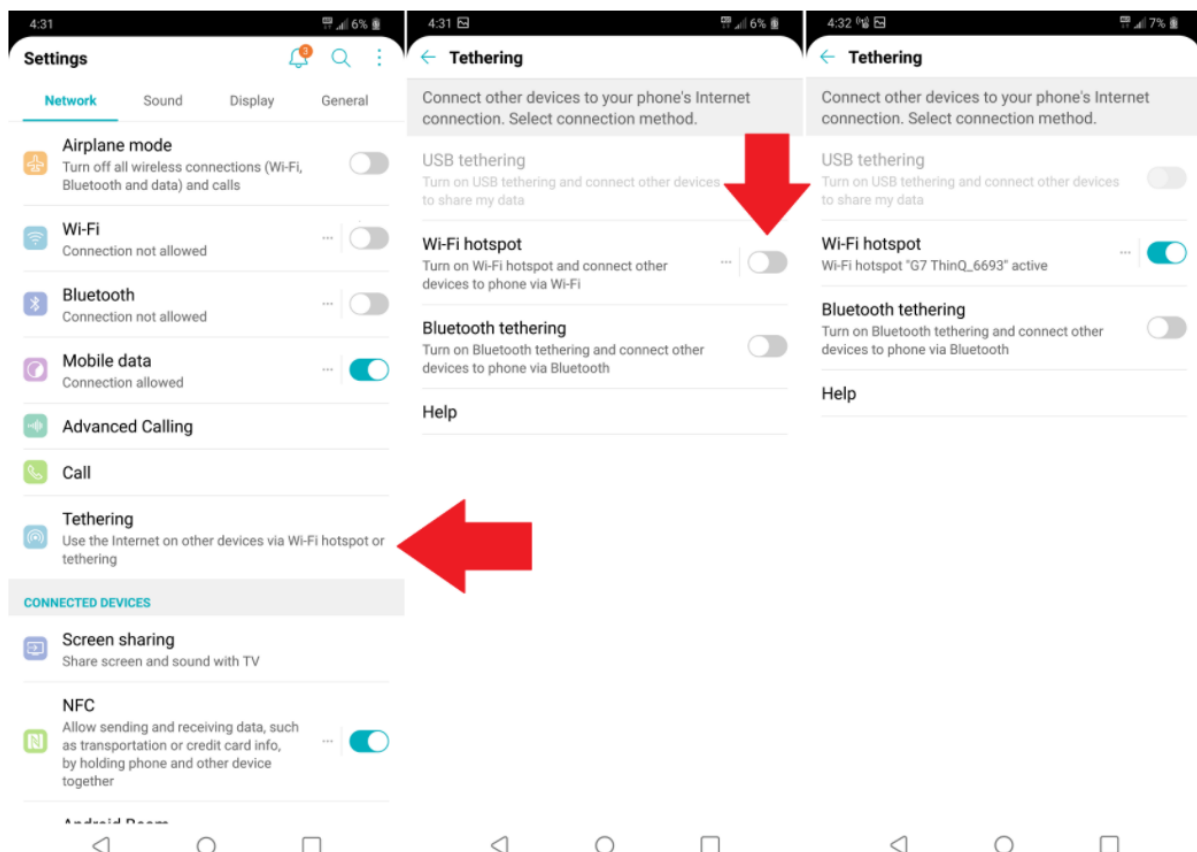

For a Wi-Fi connection, tap Wi-Fi hotspot and toggle it on. The hotspot name will be displayed on this screen. Tap **Advanced > Hotspot password** for the password.

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LG

Pull down from the top of the screen and select **Settings > Tethering**. Then toggle the Wi-Fi hotspot switch to on.
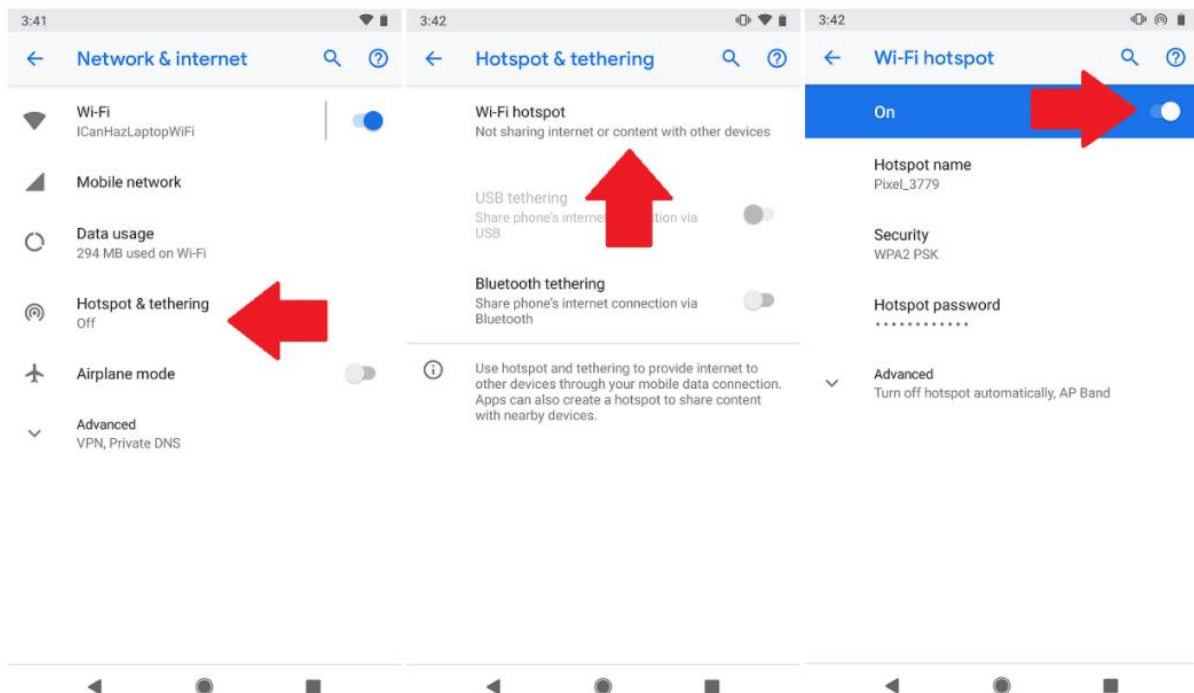
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Google Pixel

Pull down from the top of the screen and navigate to **Settings > Network & Internet > Hotspot & Tethering > Wi-Fi Hotspot**, and toggle the switch to on. The hotspot name and password will then be visible.
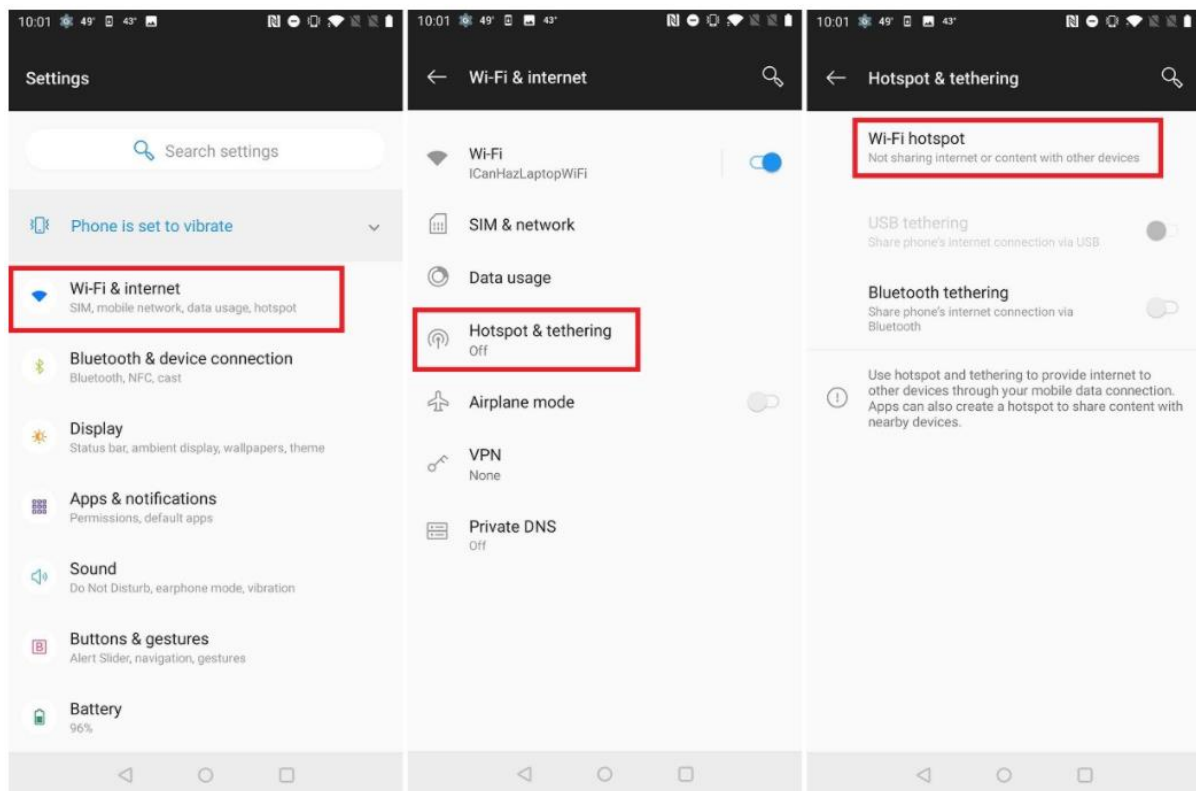
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OnePlus

Swipe up from the bottom of the screen, then select **Settings > Wi-Fi & internet > Hotspot & Tethering** and make sure the switch up top is toggled on.

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Huawei

Navigate to **Settings > Wireless & networks >Tethering & portable hotspot > Portable Wi-Fi hotspot**. Choose Configure Wi-Fi hotspot to set a name, security setting, and password for your hotspot, then tap Save.