

# Adding Apps to an Android Phone or Tablet

## Some Information About Android Apps



- a. Android apps are available from the Google **Play Store**.
- b. All of the apps must meet Google standards and have been approved by Google.
- c. New devices come with a number of Android created apps already installed.
- d. Many apps that Android offers are also available designed for Apple devices.
- e. All but one or two apps shown today are free to install and use.
- f. Additional features may be added to the free version for a one time fee or a subscription. Most free versions have adds
- g. Most apps will function on both the Phone and Tablets.

## Finding an app

The Play Store has millions of apps, some of which are great as well as some are poor. Click on the  app which will open to a window promoting various apps as well as groups of similar apps. If you know the name of the app, click on “Search” at the top of the screen and then key the name of the app or type of app into the search window. A number of names may appear, Slide your finger from the bottom of the screen up and more apps will appear. Tap the one your interested in.

## Evaluating the suitability of the app

Click on an app to get more information. Does it do what you want it to do? Are the features you want available only on the upgraded version? Read the reviews looking for strengths and weaknesses. The extremely strong and extremely critical reviews can't be trusted unless one or the other dominates significantly. Look at the updates as to how recently and frequently has the

app been updated. More frequent updates indicates the creator of the app is regularly trying to improve the app.

### **Downloading the app**

Return to the top of the window of the app you want to try and click on "Install". When the installation is complete you will see an uninstall and an open button. Tap open to start the app.

### **Updating Apps**

Due to improvements and changes added to the new Phones and to the improvements in apps, both need to periodically be updated. Click on  and then tap the image at the end of the Search bar a window will appear. Tap Manage apps & device. A new menu will appear. Updates available. no. updates pending and Update all button and see details button. If you want to see which apps are being updated tap the details button. If you don't want to know tap update all and then go back to using your device and the updates will be done in the back ground.

### **Finding apps once downloaded**

Tap the Home button then swipe up from the bottom of the screen this will show all the apps that are installed on your device in alphabetical order. Tap and hold the icon till it shakes a little and it will be brought to the home screen. Place it where you want and lift your finger and you're done. Tap the icon to start the app.