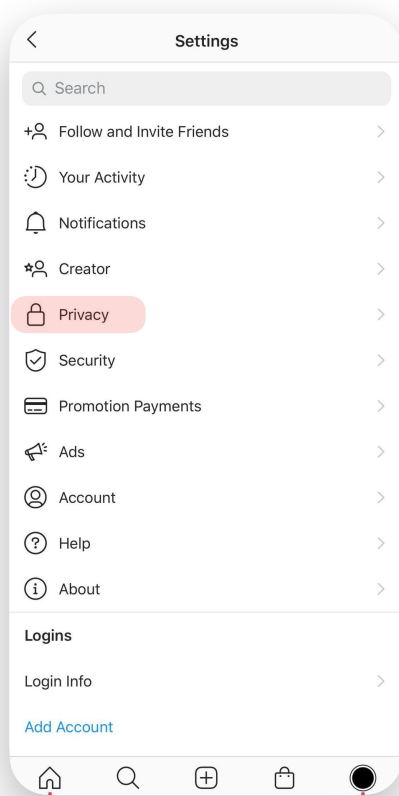# DM REACHABILITY CONTROLS
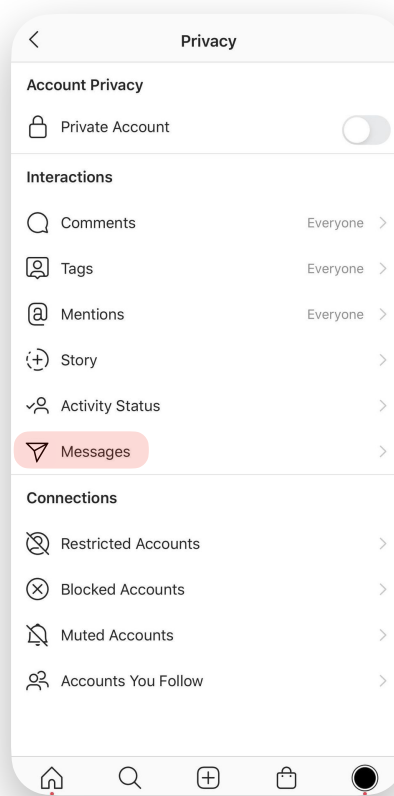
Now, you can select who can reach you via Direct Message through new controls in your Privacy Settings.
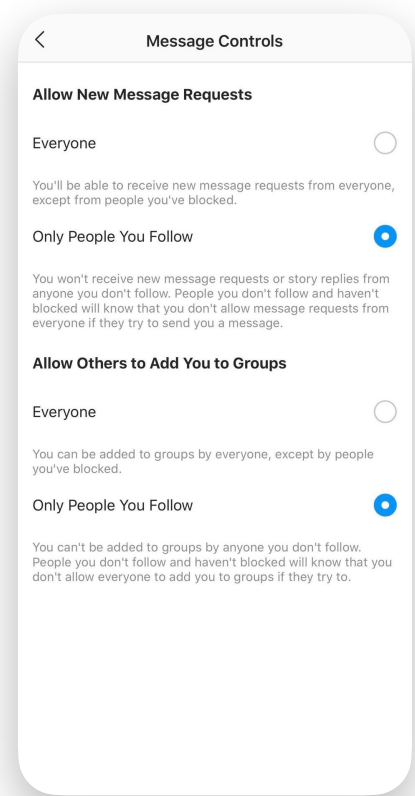
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## How does it work?

**Screen 1 — Settings**

Settings

Q Search

+2 Follow and Invite Friends >
⏱ Your Activity >
🔔 Notifications >
✦2 Creator >
🔒 Privacy >
🛡 Security >
▤ Promotion Payments >
📣 Ads >
◉ Account >
? Help >
ⓘ About >

**Logins**

Login Info >

Add Account

**Screen 2 — Privacy**

Privacy

**Account Privacy**

🔒 Private Account ⦿

**Interactions**

💬 Comments                Everyone >
🏷 Tags                      Everyone >
@ Mentions                 Everyone >
⊕ Story                            >
2 Activity Status                   >
▽ Messages                         >

**Connections**

⊘ Restricted Accounts              >
⊗ Blocked Accounts                 >
🔇 Muted Accounts                   >
2 Accounts You Follow              >

**Screen 3 — Message Controls**

Message Controls

**Allow New Message Requests**

Everyone ○

You'll be able to receive new message requests from everyone, except from people you've blocked.

Only People You Follow ◉

You won't receive new message requests or story replies from anyone you don't follow. People you don't follow and haven't blocked will know that you don't allow message requests from everyone if they try to send you a message.

**Allow Others to Add You to Groups**

Everyone ○

You can be added to groups by everyone, except by people you've blocked.

Only People You Follow ◉

You can't be added to groups by anyone you don't follow. People you don't follow and haven't blocked will know that you don't allow everyone to add you to groups if they try to.

Navigate to Settings, then tap Privacy

Select Messages

Select who can reach you via DM: 'Everyone' or 'Only People You Follow'

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- *If someone that is not in your selected audience tries to message you, they'll see that you don't allow messages from everyone*

- *Your reachability selections can limit people who can reply to Stories, unless you override in Stories settings*