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Apple fixes a flaw used in targeted attacks: update iPhones and Macs still on older software

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- [ ] **List every Apple device the business uses.** Include staff phones that hold work email or banking apps, and any iPad used as a register or check-in kiosk.
- [ ] **Check the version on each iPhone and iPad.** Settings > General > Software Update shows it; anything on iOS 26 or iPadOS 26 needs at least 26.7.1.
- [ ] **Find older iPads that can't run iPadOS 27.** The iPad 8th generation, iPad Air 3rd generation, iPad mini 5th generation and iPad Pro 11-inch (1st generation) and iPad Pro 12.9-inch (3rd generation) need iPadOS 26.7.1.
- [ ] **Update each Mac.** System Settings > General > Software Update: install macOS Tahoe 26.7.1 or macOS Sequoia 15.8.1, matching the version the Mac runs.
- [ ] **Update devices already on version 27.** Install iOS 27.0.1, iPadOS 27.0.1 or macOS Golden Gate 27.0.1, which Apple lists as the latest versions.
- [ ] **Turn on automatic updates.** On iPhone and iPad, Settings > General > Software Update > Automatic Updates.
- [ ] **Ask your IT provider or MDM administrator when they'll push the update.** Only if devices are managed through mobile device management.

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