**These are the most important privacy settings in Android**

### Set a strong passcode (or password)

Go to **Settings** then **Security**, and go to **Screen Lock**.

On Samsung’s Go to **Settings** then **Lock Screen**,

### Turn on device encryption

Go to **Settings** then **Security**, then **Encrypt Device** or **Encryption**

**Encrypt both SD and data on phone**

**Turn off Untrusted Source App install**

Go to **Settings** then **Security Unknown Sources uncheck**

### Lower your phone's sleep timeout

### **Settings** then **Display**. Under the **Sleep**

### Disable cloud-based backup

Go to **Settings** then **Backup & Reset**,

switch off the option to **Back up my data**.

### Adjust Google's in-built services

Go to **Google Settings**

**Limit google Add Tracking**

Go to **Google Settings** **Ads**, **Opt out of interest-based ads**

Go to **Google Settings** **Connected Apps Verify you are good with all listed**

**Finely-tune (or turn off) your location and location history**

Go to **Google Settings Location**

**Turn off this Device (consider managing Activities) Delete Location History**

**Also, can be reached by Settings** then **Location**

**Turn off Google Now (ok Google)**

Go to **Google Settings Search then select Voice then select OK Google**

### Prevent passwords from being uploaded to Google

Go to **Google Settings Smart Lock for Passwords**.

### Limit your lock screen notifications

Go to **Settings** then **Sound & Notifications**,   
**When device is locked** or **Notifications on Lock Screen** –**Hide notification content**

### Make sure you keep Android up-to-date

by going to **Settings** then **About phone** (or **About tablet**), then head to **System updates**.

Or **System Update on Samsung**

### Enable device-erase function to protect data

**Settings** then **Security**, (must have your screen lock enabled),   
turn on **Automatically Wipe**