



iPod 101

Maximize My Experience

Lesson 5: Secure My iPod



The handy Screen Lock feature on Fifth Generation iPod and iPod nano helps prevent others from snooping through your iPod and screwing around with it without your permission.

Don't you hate it when friends eye your prized iPod like hawks and then swoop in like vultures to play around with it the minute you're not looking? If you've got a Fifth Generation iPod (iPod with video) or iPod nano, you can lock your iPod screen using a 4-digit combination to keep prying eyes* from digging through your iPod contents—including your music, photos, and notes—and using your player without your permission. Here's how.

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1. Select **Extras > Screen Lock > Set Combination** to display a Set Code screen that features four number boxes. The first one will be highlighted.
2. To set your combination, scroll the Click Wheel to select the first number, from 0 (zero) to 9, then press the Center button to set it and go to the next digit.
3. Repeat this method to set the remaining three digits (making sure to burn this 4-digit code into your memory). Once you set the fourth, you'll be taken back to the Screen Lock menu.
4. To turn on Screen Lock, select **Turn Screen Lock On** in the **Screen Lock** menu.
5. The resulting screen displays your 4-digit code again as a reminder; when you're absolutely sure that you can remember this code, select **Lock** (or select **Cancel** if you change your mind).

Once your iPod is locked, it won't display its contents onscreen*, nor will it be usable until you enter the 4-digit code to unlock it—just enter the code in the same manner as you did when you set the combination. If you enter the wrong code, the numbers will flash red. When you enter the correct combination, you'll have full access to your iPod again. Alternatively, you can connect your iPod to the primary computer you use it with (the one to which you first connected your iPod), and your iPod will unlock automatically.

* Screen Lock only prevents snoops from viewing contents or using your iPod when locked and away from all computers. If you connect a locked iPod to a computer, you'll be able to see all songs on it in iTunes (as you normally would), and access any content on its disk (if you set it up for hard disk use) while it's still locked.

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