# Apple iPhones Are Asking Users to Check In With Dead Relatives. Siri, What's Up With That?

Apple's virtual assistant Siri wants you to check in with friends and family, even if you live on different continents, are divorced, or one of you is dead.

*The New York Times* reports on a strange prompt many iPhone users have been receiving on their phones: a suggestion to "Start a Check-In" with someone and "Let them know when you arrive at your destination."

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Sounds nice, but the odd thing about this feature, as several users told the *Times* and have posted about on Reddit, is that Siri often suggests random and sometimes upsetting people to "Check In" with.

One user named Simon explained that Siri suggested that he alert a friend that he got home safely. The weird thing was that this friend was Simon's old roommate who lived nearly 5,000 miles away. "I found it funny," Simon said. "He is in my Favorites on my phone, so I'm guessing that's how Apple does these recommendations. But it still just doesn't make any sense, because I also have his address saved in my contacts, so my phone should know that we live on different continents."

Another user, Leo Margul, explained that he's been prompted

twice by Siri to check in with his mother after leaving concerts. Siri did not take into account that leaving a show at midnight in Los Angeles would mean Margul alerting his mother at 3 a.m. in Boston. Margul posted about it on Reddit, and some commenters said they received similar prompts – some saying that Siri suggested that they reach out to their now-deceased parents.

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The Start a Check-In feature was released with iOS 17 last year. The iOS 18 update doesn't appear to change it.

While some told the *Times* that they appreciated the prompts to reconnect with people who have been out of touch, most find it creepy and random. If you are in this camp, there is an easy way to make it stop. Just go to *Settings* > *Siri & Search* and toggle off *Siri Suggestions*.

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