



Apple Watch Side Button

Here's how to quickly access Apple Pay, find your way back to where you started, and much more at the press of a button.

You can do a lot on your Apple Watch with that little oval button on the side, from accessing Apple Pay to calling emergency services. **Learn how it works!**

1. To begin, open the **Accessibility** settings in the **Apple Watch app** on your iPhone and make sure the **VoiceOver** setting is turned on.

Using the Side Button

Tip: Pressing the side button once opens the **Control Center**. Check out the **Control Center workshop** in this series to learn about the settings and features you can find there.

2. Press the side button twice to activate **Apple Pay**. VoiceOver announces "Hold near reader" to notify you that **Apple Pay** is ready. To use it, simply hold your Apple Watch close to the register's terminal.

Tip: Your watch vibrates and provides a “ding” audio cue when the purchase is confirmed.

3. Press the side button once to return to the watch face.
4. Press and hold the side button until you feel a little vibration. Then release the button.
5. The focus is on the **Cancel** button. Double tapping here returns you to the watch face.
6. Right-swipe to move through four options:
 - **Power Button:** Double tap to turn off your watch.
 - **Medical ID:** Double tap to display the medical information entered in your iPhone’s **Health** app.
 - **Compass Backtrack:** Records your journey so that later you can be guided back to where you started.
 - **Emergency Call Button:** Double-tap to send an automatic call to 911, along with your current location. This feature also sends a message to each person set up as an emergency contact in your iPhone.

Tip: You can also turn on Emergency Call by pressing and holding the side button past the initial audio cue and past a short countdown.

**Isn't it great to know how to use the side button?
Check out the other workshops in this series for
even more tips and tricks.**