

Android Messaging SMS RCS And Messaging Apps

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ANDROIDMESSAGING · A GUIDE FOR UK LAWYERS
Android Messaging: SMS, RCS and Messaging Apps
Where Conversations Live on Android, Why the Messaging App Matters, and What Deletion Leaves Behind
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The headline point: Android has no single Messages app, so SMS and RCS are handled by which ever messaging app is in use, each storing them differently, alongside the third-party apps, which means the messaging app must be identified because it decides where the messages are, while deleted messages very often survive in databases, backups, the Google account and counterpart devices.
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Questions and answers

Where are the text messages on an Android phone?

In which ever messaging app is the default, which must be identified first (

What is RCS, and does it change anything?

RCS is the richer modern successor to SMS, and it changes a good deal (

Someone deleted their messages. Can they be recovered?

Frequently yes, from several directions (

The messages were end-to-end encrypted. Doesn't that stop recovery?

No, it stops interception, not end point recovery (

Does a message prove who sent it?

It shows the sending number or account; attributing it to a person takes care (

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