

# How to Allow Installation From “Unknown Sources” in Android

By default, Android blocks the installation of apps that aren't downloaded from the Android Apps section of Google Play. This is an easy setting to change.

If a device does not have access to Google Play, you will need to allow 'Unknown Sources' installations. This is not uncommon, and is required by several popular devices such as the Kobo Vox, Pandigital devices, and several Archos tablets.

## Enable the 'Unknown Sources' Option

1. If you get the 'Install blocked' message when you try to install OverDrive's mobile app for Android, tap **Settings**. Otherwise, from your home screen, tap the **Menu** button, then **Settings**.
2. From the 'Settings' screen, go to 'Applications'. Tap the check next to **Unknown Sources**.

***Note:** Tapping **Settings** while trying to install an app sends you directly to the 'Applications' screen.*

3. Review the 'Attention' message. Tap **OK** to continue.
4. Make sure there is a check in the **Unknown sources** box. Tap your **Home** button.

## Run the Setup for OverDrive Media Console

The following steps assume that you've already downloaded the installation file. If you haven't, check out our handout on how to install OverDrive's mobile app on an Android device.

1. Open the Android web browser.
2. Tap the **Menu** button. Tap **More** to display more menu options.
3. Tap **Downloads** to open your 'Download history'.
4. Locate and tap **ODMediaConsoleSetup.apk**. You will find the file listed under the day you downloaded it.
5. Review the application permissions. Tap **Install** to start the installation. The app installs.
6. Tap **Open** to launch OMC for Android, or tap **Done** to close the installer.