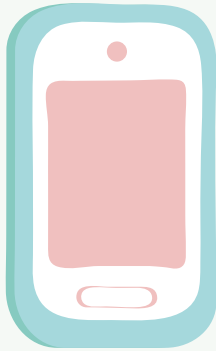


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**98% of
Australians
own a
smartphone**

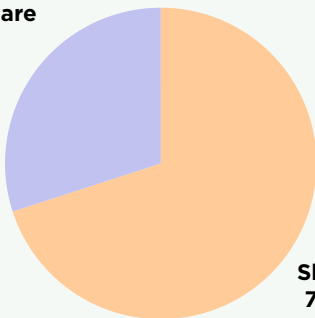
**Does your
phone connect
to the Internet?**

**95% of
Australians
lock their
phones**



**Do you lock
your phone?
Why or why
not?**

**Don't share
30%**

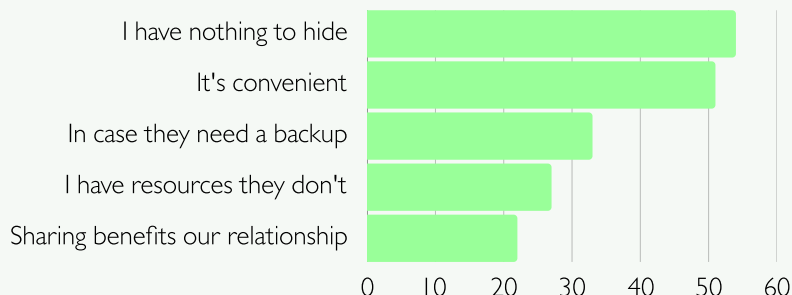


**Share
70%**

**Most people
share
smartphone
access with
their partners**

**What do you
think are good
and bad reasons
for sharing your
phone?**

Reasons for sharing



**What problems
could come
from sharing
the phone?**

**74% of people
said their partner
could unlock
their phone.**

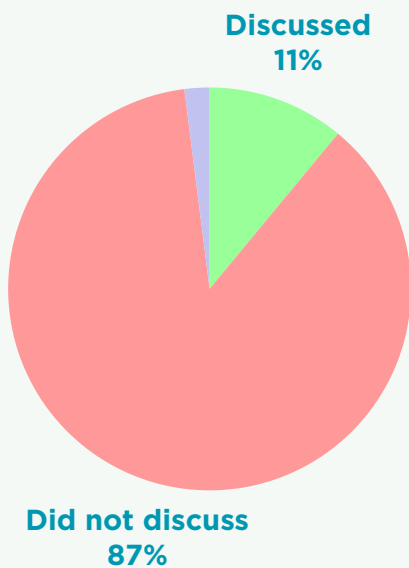


**Can your partner
unlock your
phone?**



**Sharing
increases
with
relationship
seriousness**

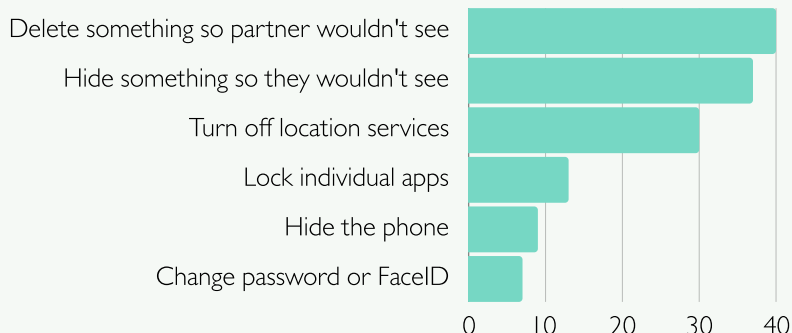
**When do you
think is a good
time to talk
about sharing
access in a new
relationship?**



**Few people
discuss
expectations
for
smartphone
sharing with
their
partners**

**Have you ever
talked about
what your
partner should
or shouldn't do
on your phone?**

Privacy behaviours



**How can you
protect your
privacy on your
phone besides
locking it?**