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Stanley - March 24, 2026, 10:05 am

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<https://thehackernews.com/2026/03/android-17-blocks-non-accessibility.html>

DramaKing - March 25, 2026, 5:00 am

(Mar 24, 2026 03:47 PM)shakur123 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Overreach. This risks breaking legit apps and power-user workflows while giving a false sense of security—malware will just pivot to other vectors. The feature is optional, and yes, malware can just request a dozen individual permissions.

Cellik - March 27, 2026, 9:36 am

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This is interesting to hear. I haven't heard much about this but I'm going to start checking up on this. But yes I agree it will destroy legitimate apps as well so we will see how this will go.

Null State - March 30, 2026, 12:48 am

Don't see a point in going this far, as it will hurt legitimate things as well as harmful apps. Users being required to learn basic tech literacy would go quite a long way with stopping a lot of things. My parents all still click random links given to them, even if it comes from their friend on Facebook who never sends anything. I've tried to tell them they need to be more careful, but the literal response I get is well Facebook would say the link is suspicious. Relying on Facebook to check the security of shit you're doing is probably the wildest take I've heard on the subject. Sadly, quite a lot of people need this on their device, just because of their own incompetence and either lack of understanding or lack of trying to understand.

StuffSneak - March 30, 2026, 1:19 am

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Pretty sure it's still going through, but you'll be able to go around it with a workaround Google is providing.

See here:

<https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2025/11/google-will-let-android-power-users-bypass-upcoming-side-loading-restrictions/>

KtDan - June 16, 2026, 12:45 pm

wow, crazy shit