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Stanley - March 29, 2026, 1:55 pm

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Google on Thursday announced a new "advanced flow" for Android sideloading that requires a mandatory 24-hour wait period to install apps from unverified developers in an attempt to balance openness with safety.

The new changes come against the backdrop of a developer verification mandate the tech giant announced last year that requires all Android apps to be registered by verified developers to

<https://thehackernews.com/2026/03/google-adds-24-hour-wait-for-unverified.html>

Sodan42 - March 29, 2026, 4:49 pm

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Realistically, yes. It's the exact same to me as if I download something from here on HF. Example, a few days ago a user uploaded some batch files. After [Hackers](#) I believe looked at them, they turned out to be malicious. Had I downloaded said batch files on my main machine and ran them, that's completely on me. Don't get me wrong, it sucks, but this has always been the case. Don't download dodgy shit from dodgy sites, and don't download and run things you don't understand. Recently Denuvo had a hypervisor bypass come out, however it really makes your device vulnerable by using it. Lots of people have downloaded cracked games and used it, but every single site I've seen them on has flat out said what a security risk it is, and has highly suggested not using said cracks. If you do, that's on you. I think it's the same thing here. My Android device is rooted with an unlocked bootloader. I fully expect things to be malicious instead of vice versa, just due to things I've learned over the years across tech in general, not just Android.

It's the same thing to me as leaving your house or car unlocked in the ghetto. Odds are, you'll be fine just due to sheer probability/likelihood of you not being a target. However, if your house gets ransacked, or your car gets stolen, the second you tell people you left the doors and windows open, they're going to look at you and ask what did you expect to happen? They won't say oh well Ford or Chevrolet or whoever should do more to protect car buyers, they're going to tell you to use your head and stop leaving your shit unlocked lol.