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Transferring Photos Between Android Devices and External Storage Devices

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Transferring photos from an Android device to an external storage device requires a flash drive with a USB Type A plug on one end and a smaller plug at the other end that fits into the charging port of your phone. These storage devices are called "dual" drives.

There are several types of the smaller USB plugs, depending on the phone you own.

Newer high-end Android phones use a USB Type C plug. Older and less expensive Android phones accept a Micro USB plug.

Your phone also will need an app in order for it to recognize the USB plug and transfer photos from your phone to the storage device. It is important to ask at the store what dual drive storage device works for your phone and what app to request from Google's Play Store.

After you install the appropriate app to your phone, insert the small end of the dual storage device into the charging port of your phone.

Then select a photo from your Photos folder and tap the send icon at the bottom left of the screen. An array of possible destinations will appear in a new window at the bottom of the screen.

Select the name of the app you downloaded from the Play Store and follow the instructions on transferring the photo from your Photo album to the storage device.

Once a photo is transferred to the storage device, that device can be removed from the phone or tablet. Then insert the USB Type A end of the storage device into the USB port on a computer.

The computer then would recognize the USB storage device and display its contents, which can be moved and saved to any folder on the computer. Information about that transfer process can be found in related articles titled "From Windows Computers to Storage Devices" and "From Macintosh Computers to Storage Devices".

This website from Google offers additional information about transferring files from an

Android device:
https://support.google.com/android/answer/9064445?

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If you have questions about any of this, feel free to make a "Technology Tips" appointment on Tuesday mornings at Generations, when the center opens. Just call the main number: 215-723-5841.

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