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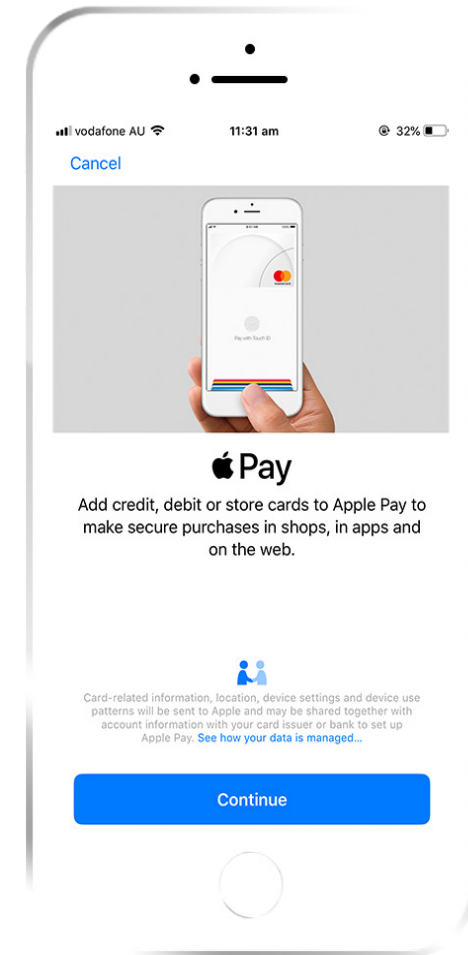
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Although Apple Pay provides many benefits, there is a loophole in their security system. Despite claiming that Apple Pay is an easy, secure and private way to pay it's not as hacker-proof as you may think. Within their security system they lack one barrier that is crucial against hackers, resulting in other companies that have a similar service to be considered as more secure and private. In addition, despite these companies failing to succeed, they are still able to include necessary barriers. Furthermore, the CVV

number located on the back of your credit card is 1 of 1000 CVV numbers. This is dangerous if you are one of the 127 million Apple pay users as it does not restrict the amount of times a user is able to enter a CVV number. For that reason, hackers are able to take advantage of this loophole, resulting in private and personal information from being stolen. In conclusion, Apple Pay is not so secure and private as there is a loophole and the lack of a barrier leaves their users in danger of losing control over their private and personal information.

Security does not only mean digitally in the system, but also physically in the real world. When you have transferred your wallet or any other personal information and accounts into your mobile phone, you must take extra care of it. If you were to lose your mobile phone, it is equivalent to losing all your private and personal information. This is especially dangerous if you are unaware of how to **temporarily lock your Apple Wallet** because it is possibly the only way to prevent the thief from accessing your private information. Despite technology having powerful identification scanners, it

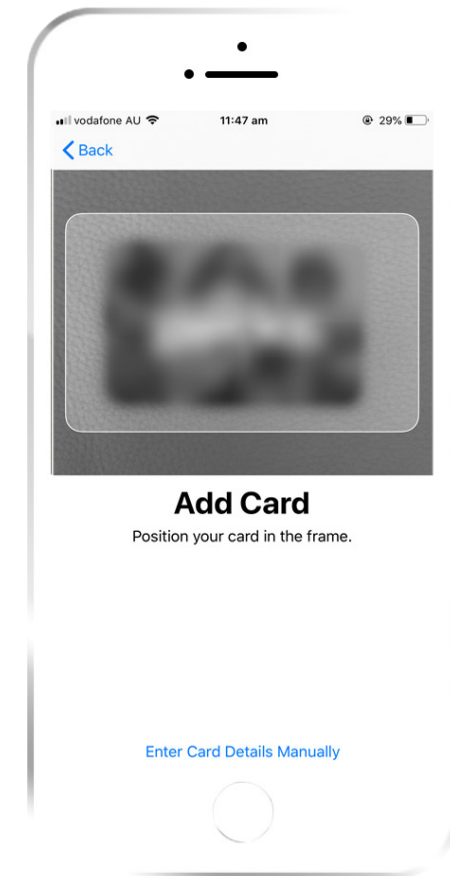


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To conclude, be mindful and considerate when providing your private and personal information to certain services as the level of protection they have can be significantly hindered due to a poorly security system. Not only is this a personal issue but it contributes to private contract law acting upon what public law could not contain or control. Despite its various conveniences, the disadvantages far outweigh the benefits.

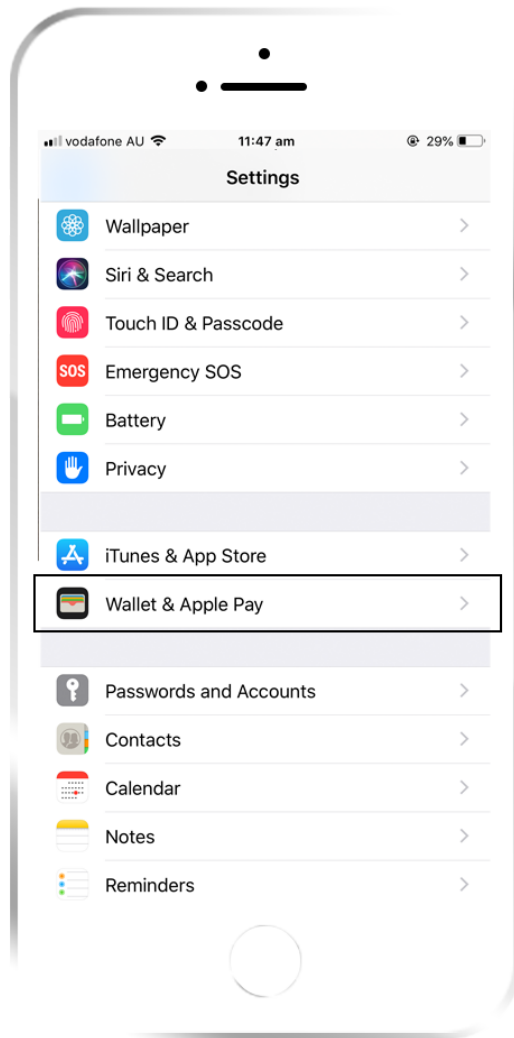


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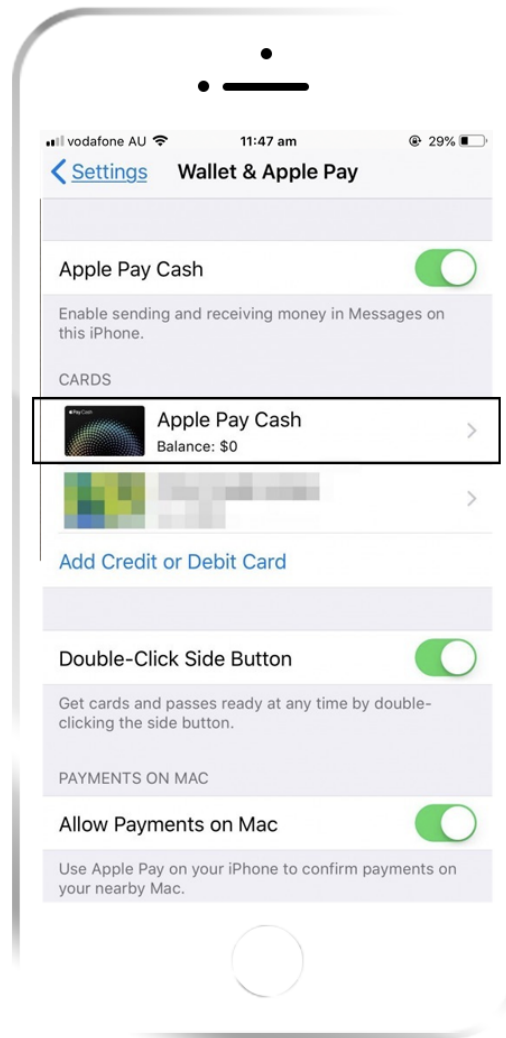
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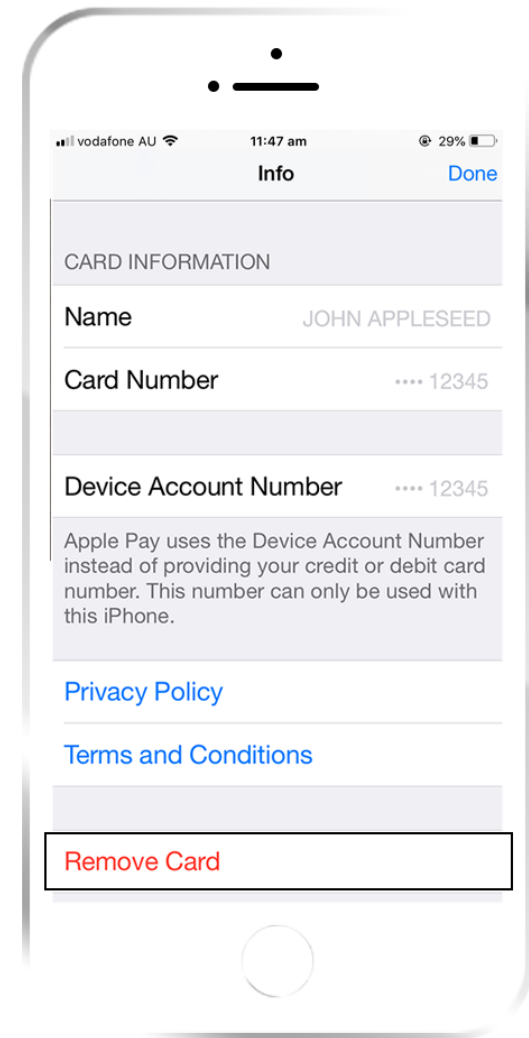
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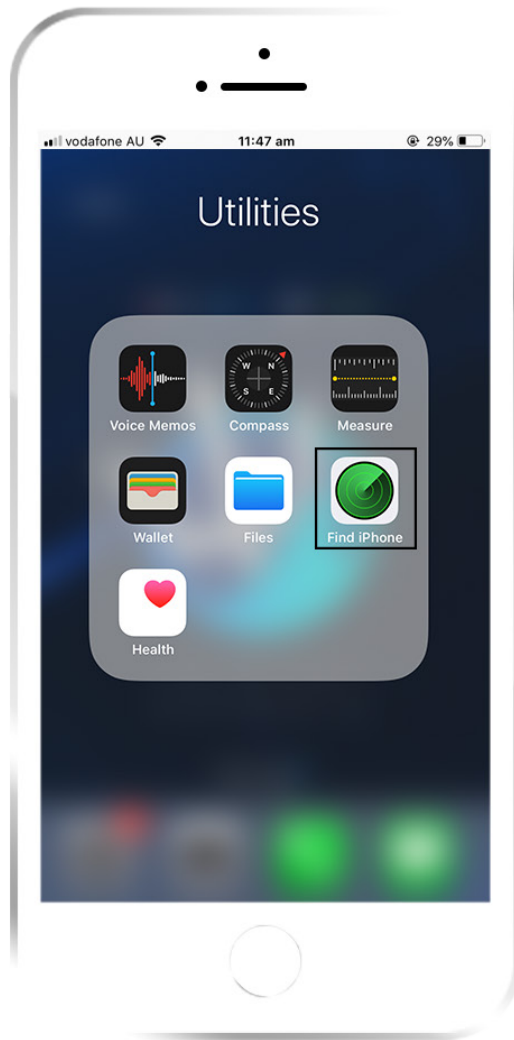


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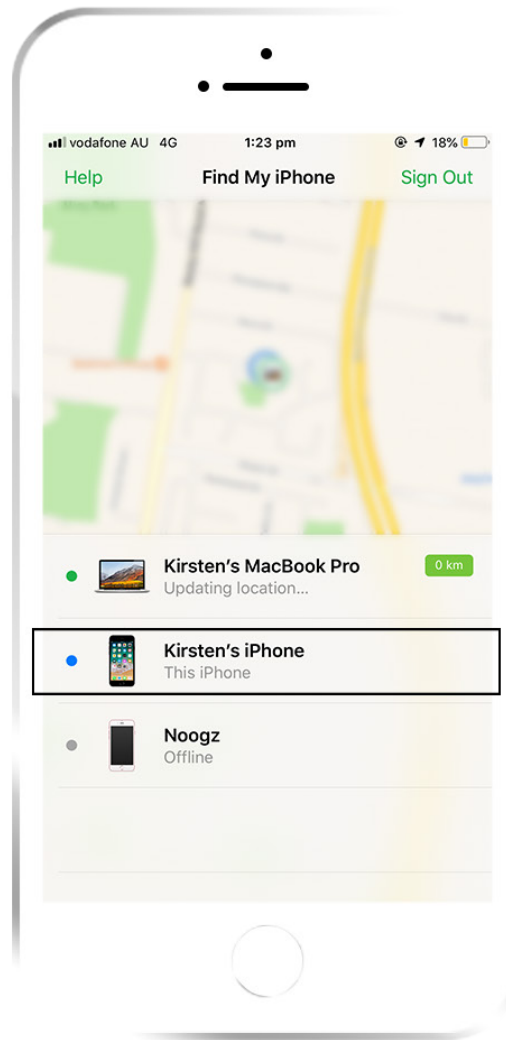


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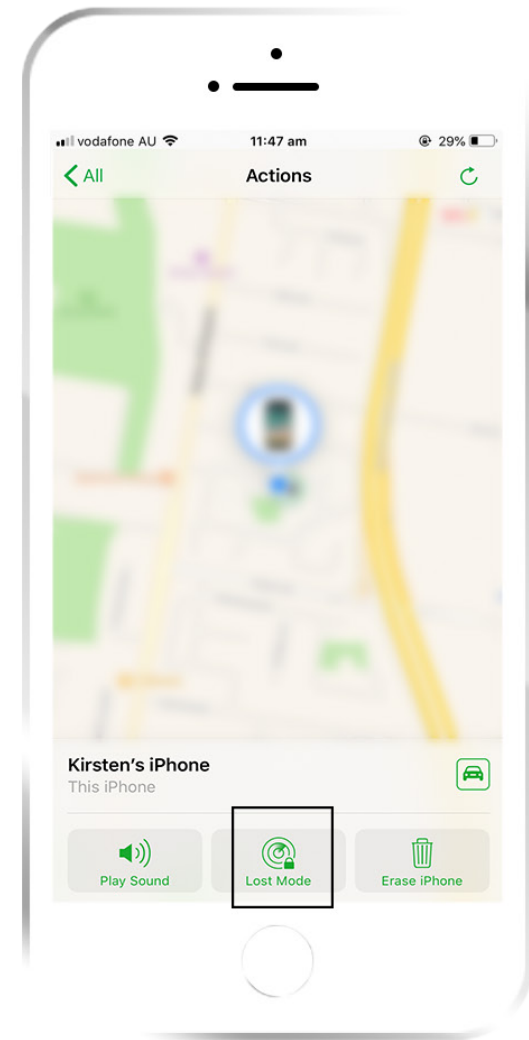
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1. Go to the 'Find My iPhone' app.



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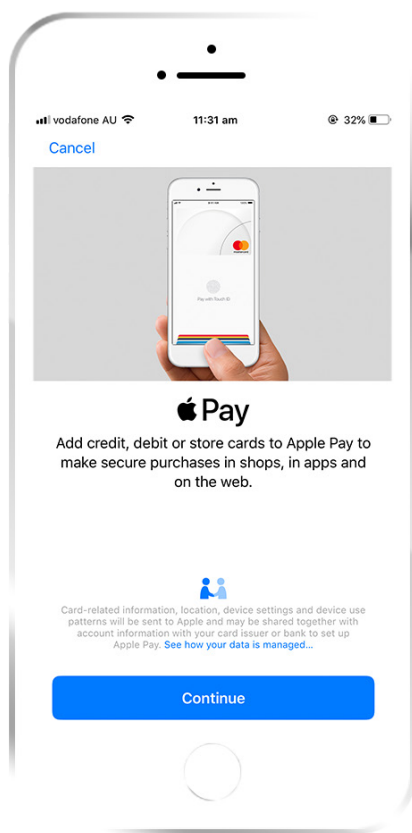




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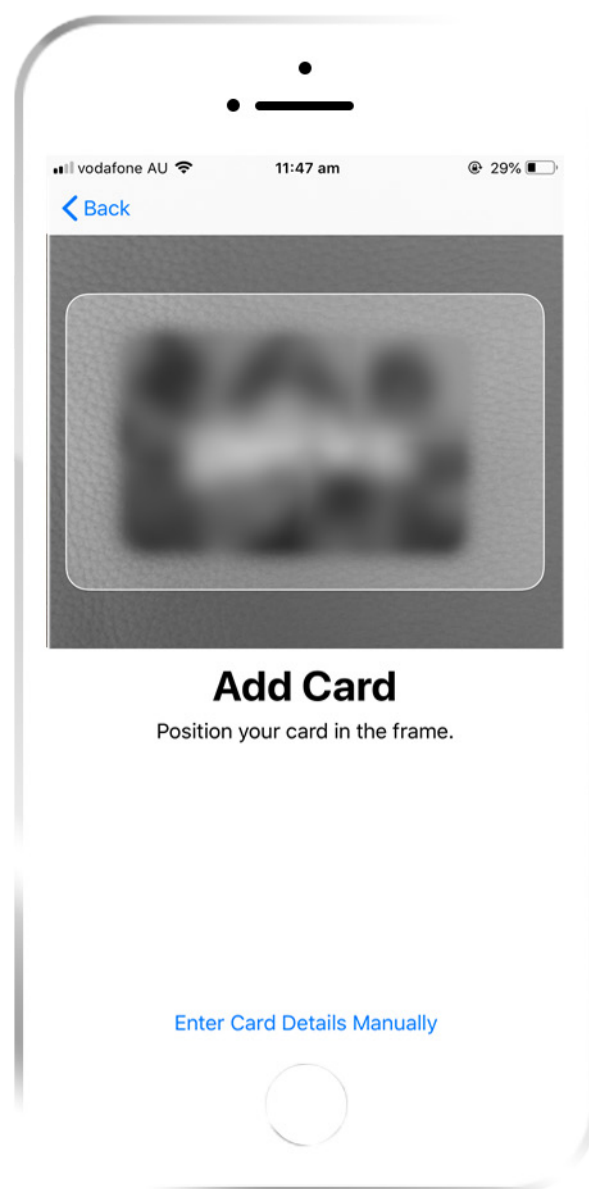
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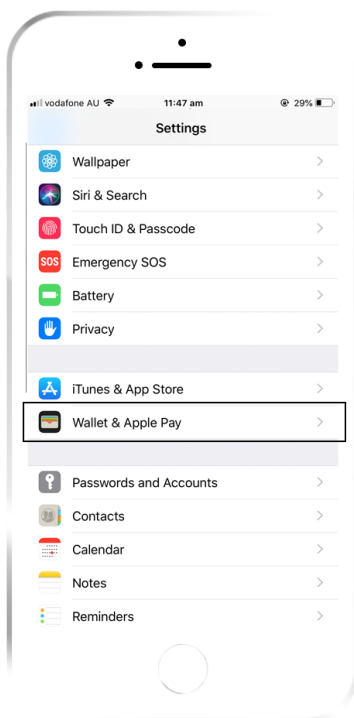


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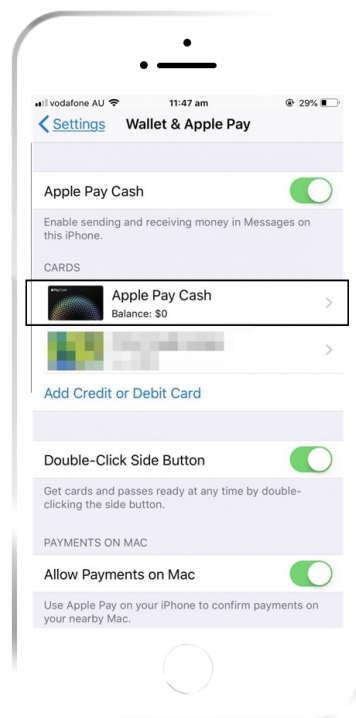
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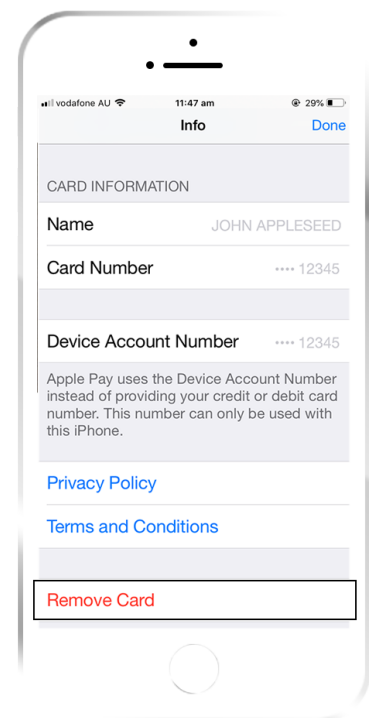
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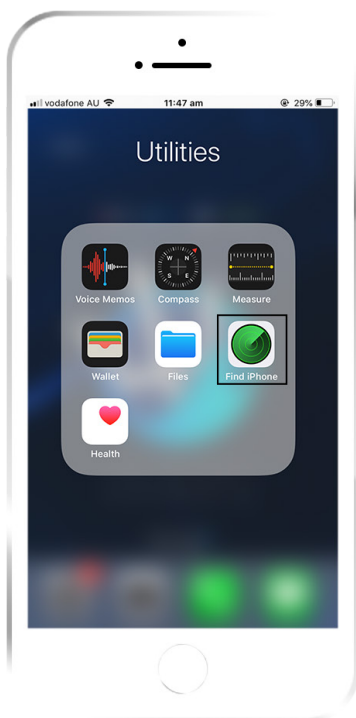


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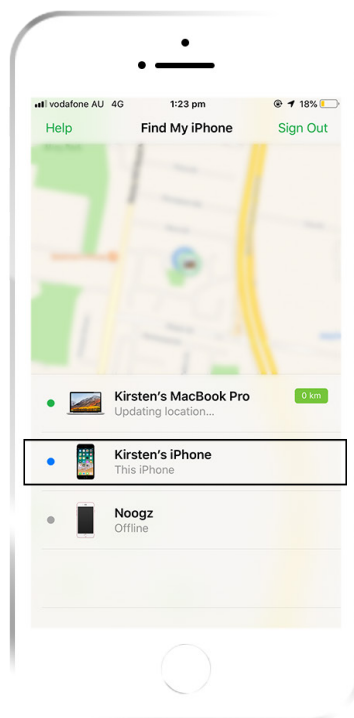


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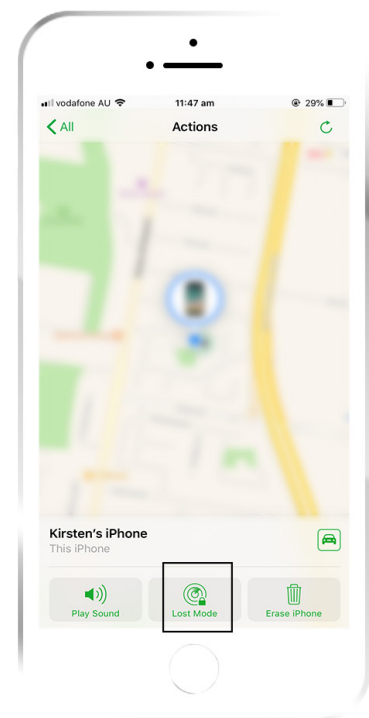
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