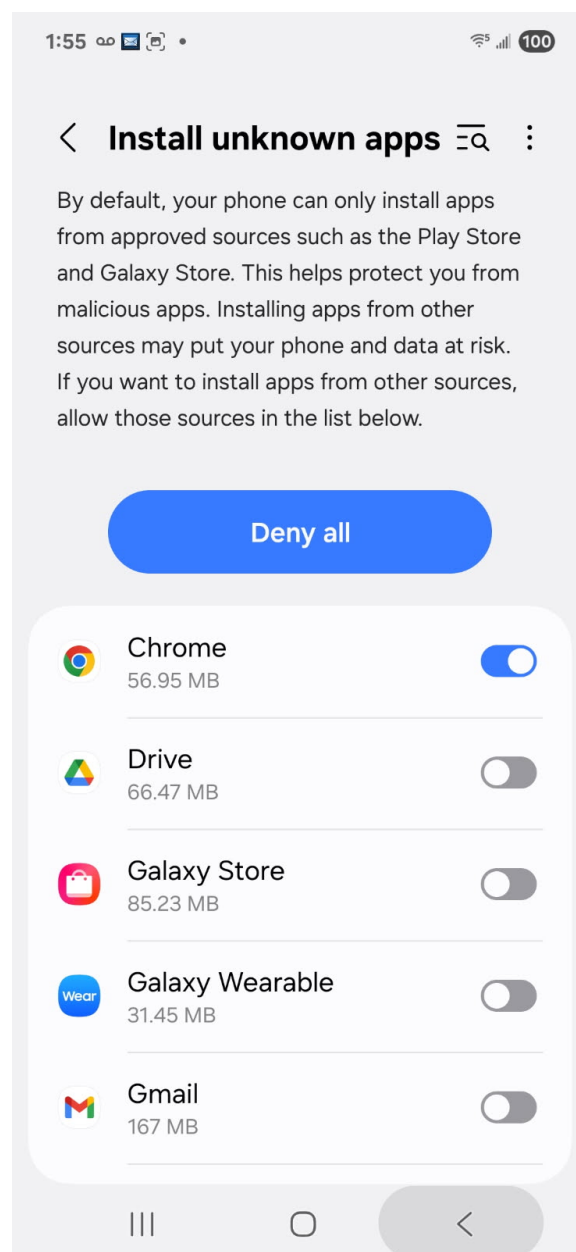**NowSMS Modem App for Android: 2025 Release Notes for Android 14/15**

The NowSMS Modem App has been updated for compatibility with Android 14 & 15. The app is not available via the Play Store and must be side loaded. It is recommended that dedicated device be used with the app, and consider not logging into the device with a google account.

To install the NowSMS Modem app, there are several prerequisite steps that must be taken to disable Android protections to allow the app to be installed.
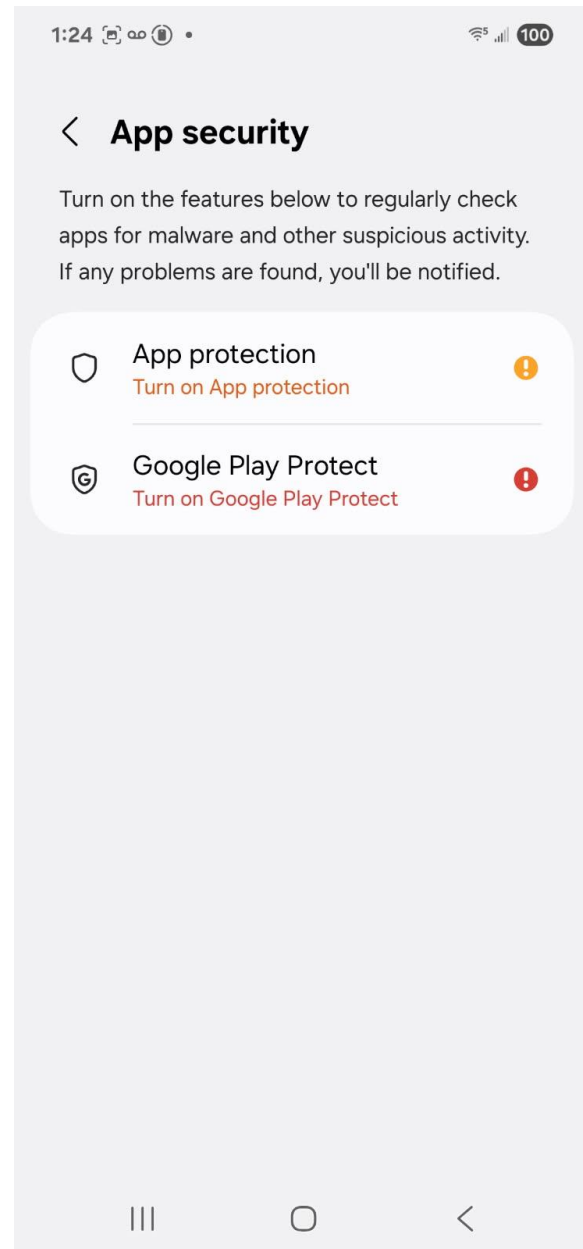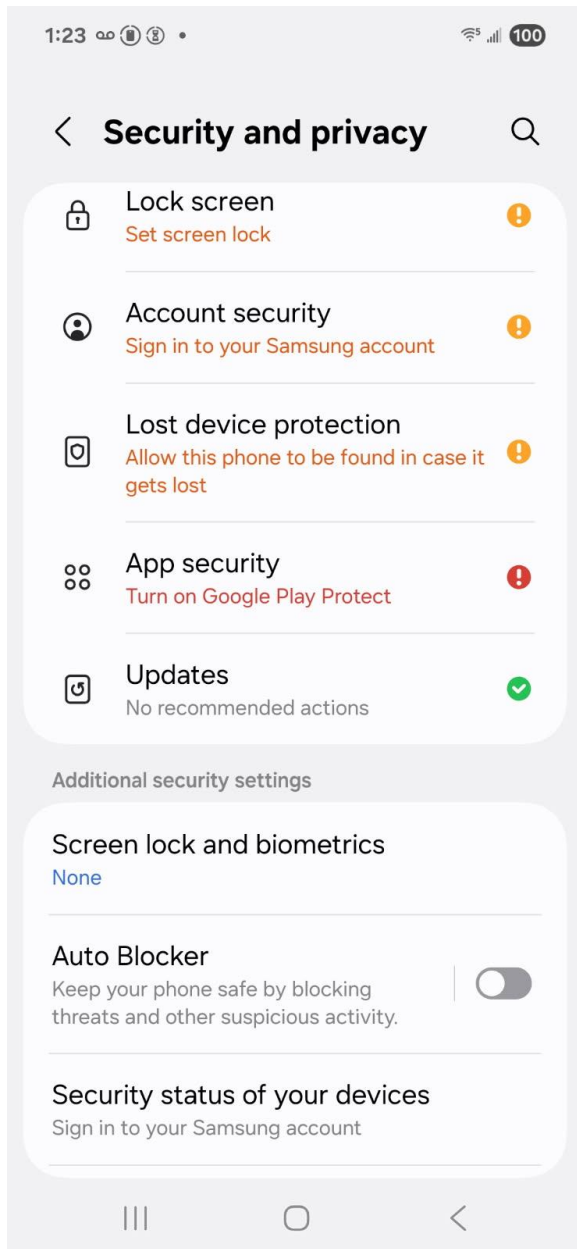
Step 1 - Allow Unknown Apps

In Settings, usually under "More Security Settings", there is a settings page titled "Install unknown apps". We recommend enabling this setting for Chrome to allow the NowSMS Modem App to be directly downloaded to the device using Chrome.
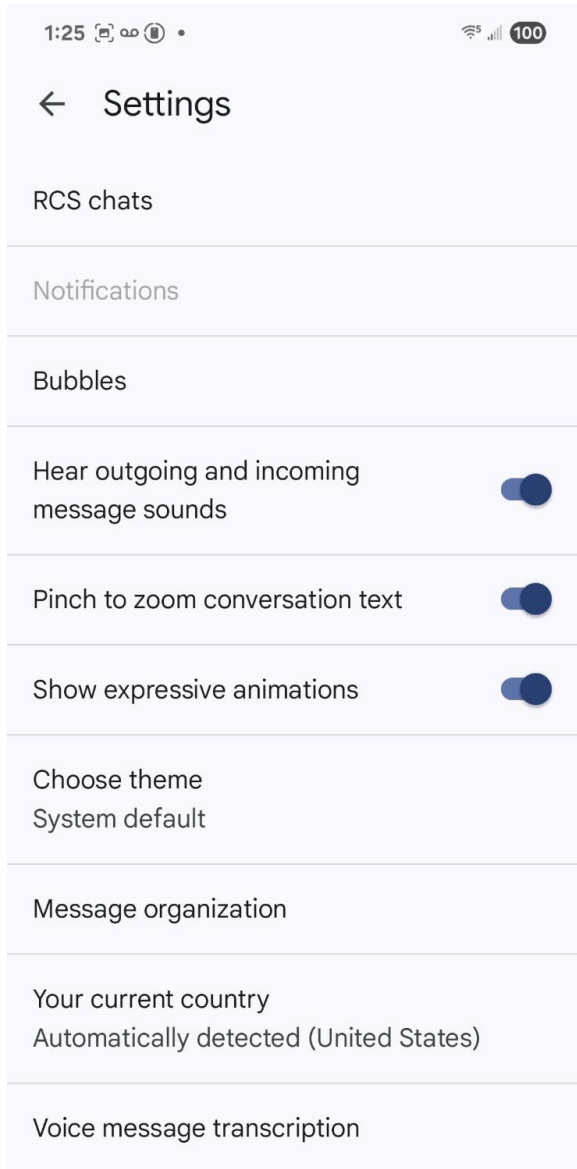
Step 2 - Disable Google Play Protect

In Settings, under "Security and privacy", then "App security", turn off "App Protection" and "Google Play Protect".
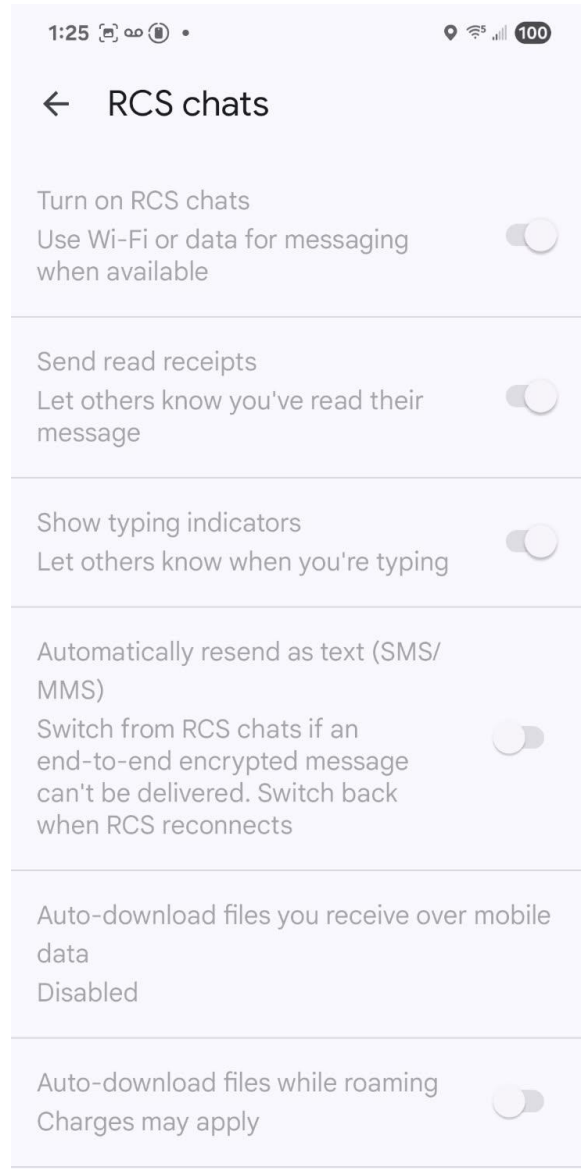
Step 3 - Disable RCS Chats

RCS is Google's attempt to take control of mobile operator messaging services. RCS must be disabled to enable NowSMS Modem to send and receive SMS and MMS.

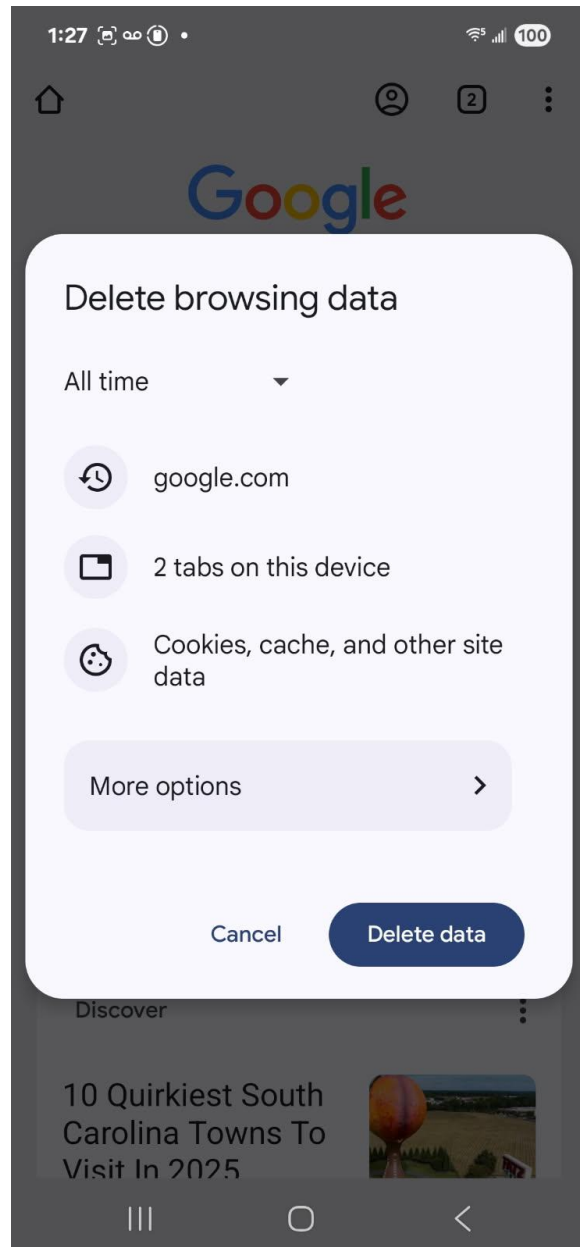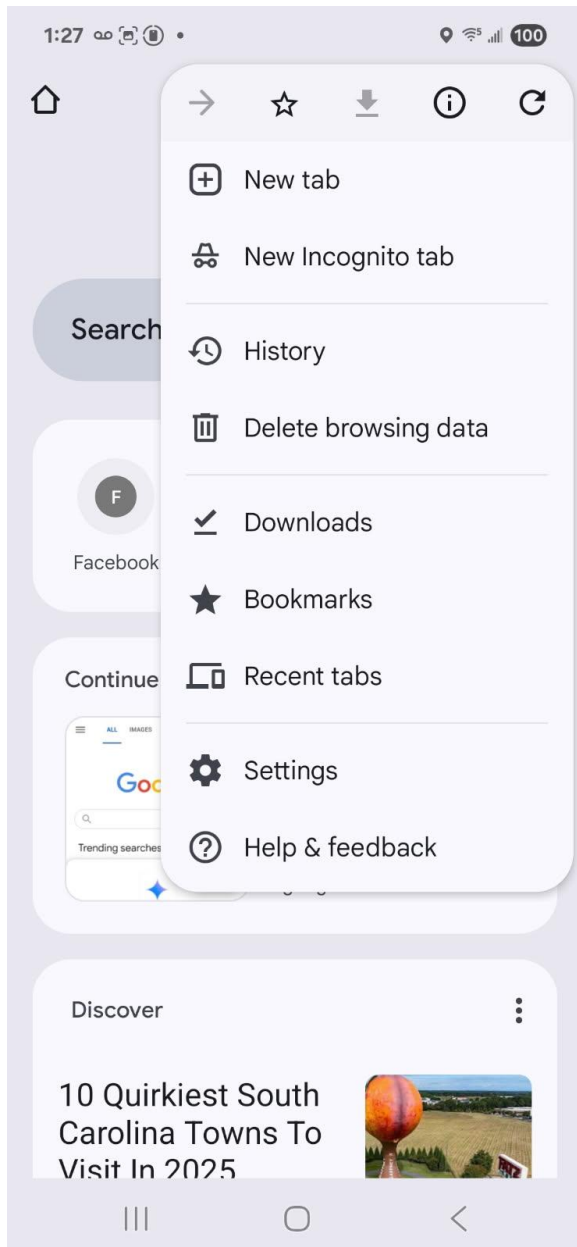In the Messages App, look for the Settings page and disable RCS Chats.

Step 4 - Delete browsing data (clear cache) in Chrome

If you have previously downloaded an older version of NowSMS Modem, we recommend clearing the cache in Chrome first to ensure that the latest version is downloaded.
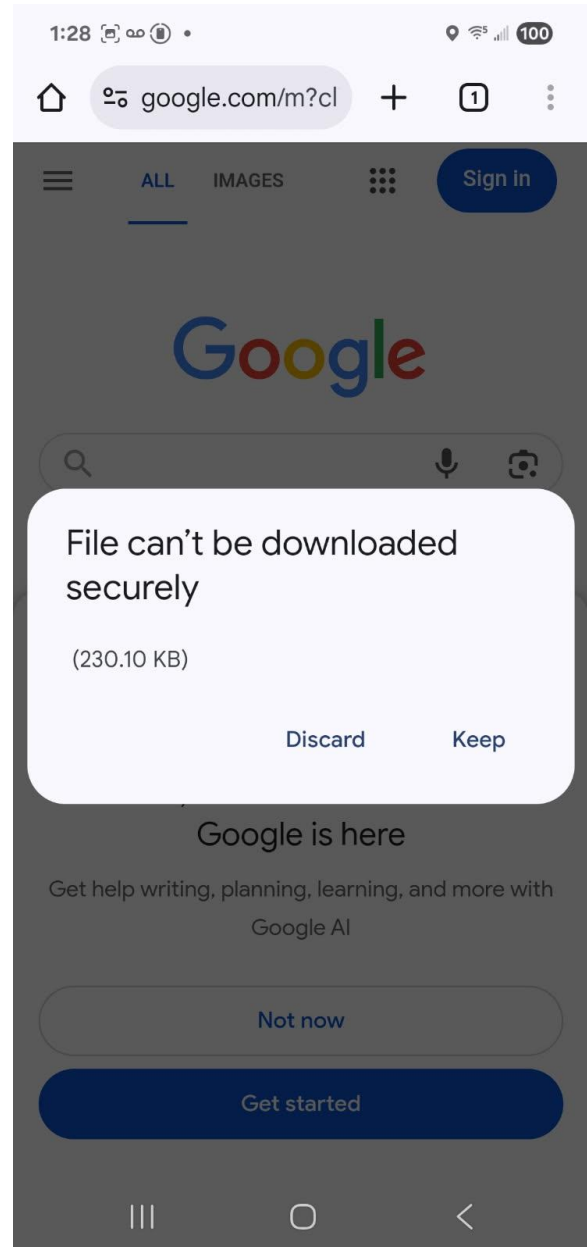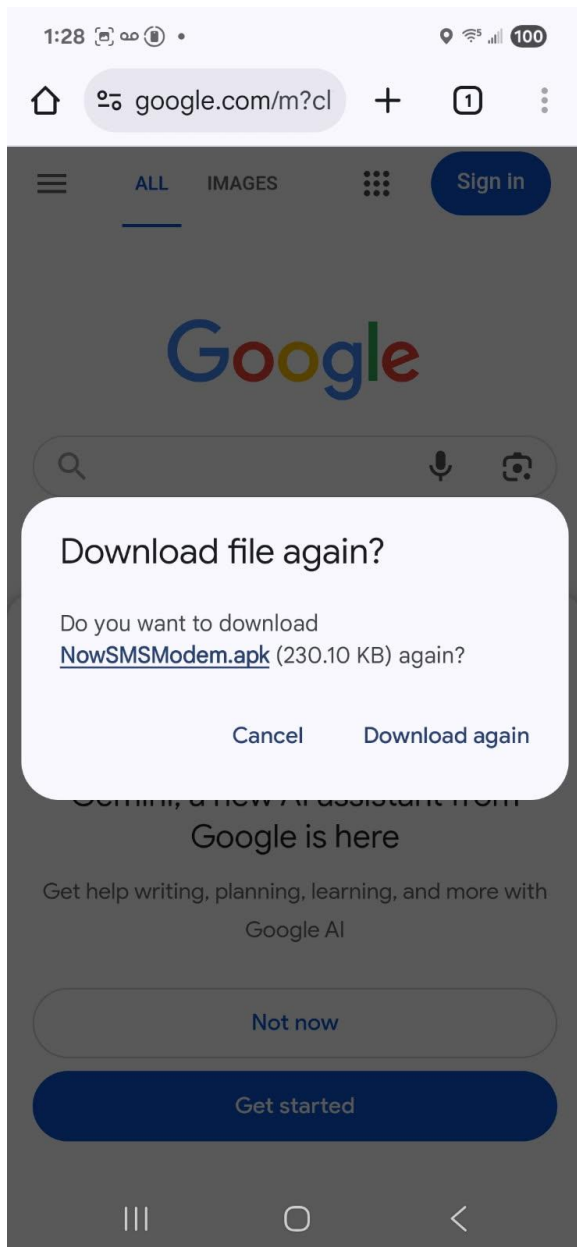
In Chrome, look for the 3 dots that are a symbol for settings, and select the option to "Delete browsing data" for "All time".
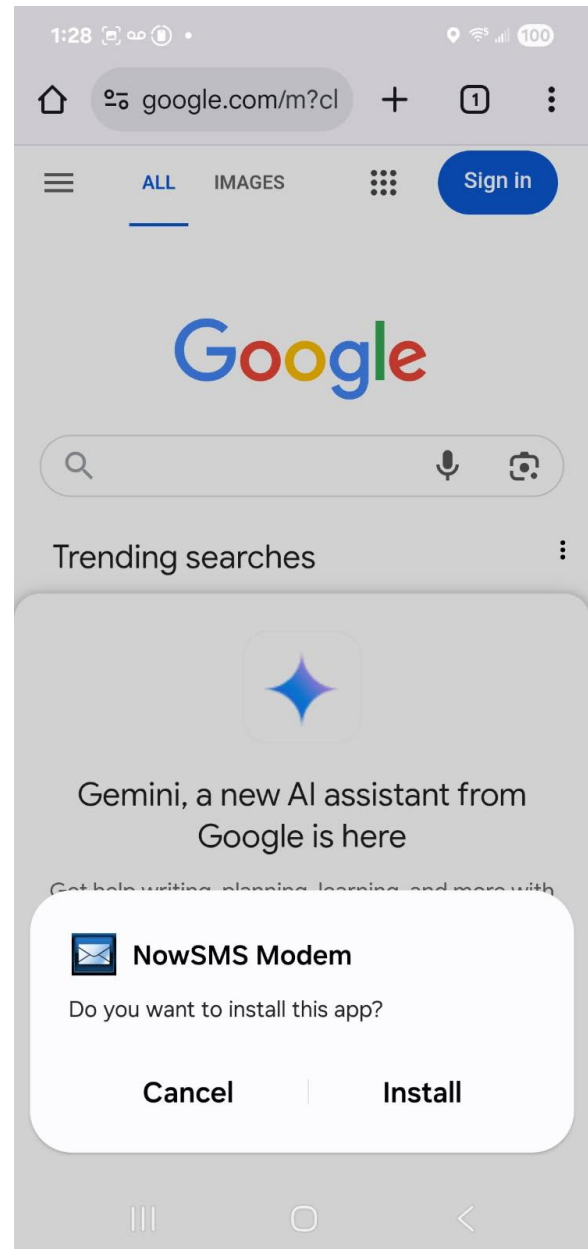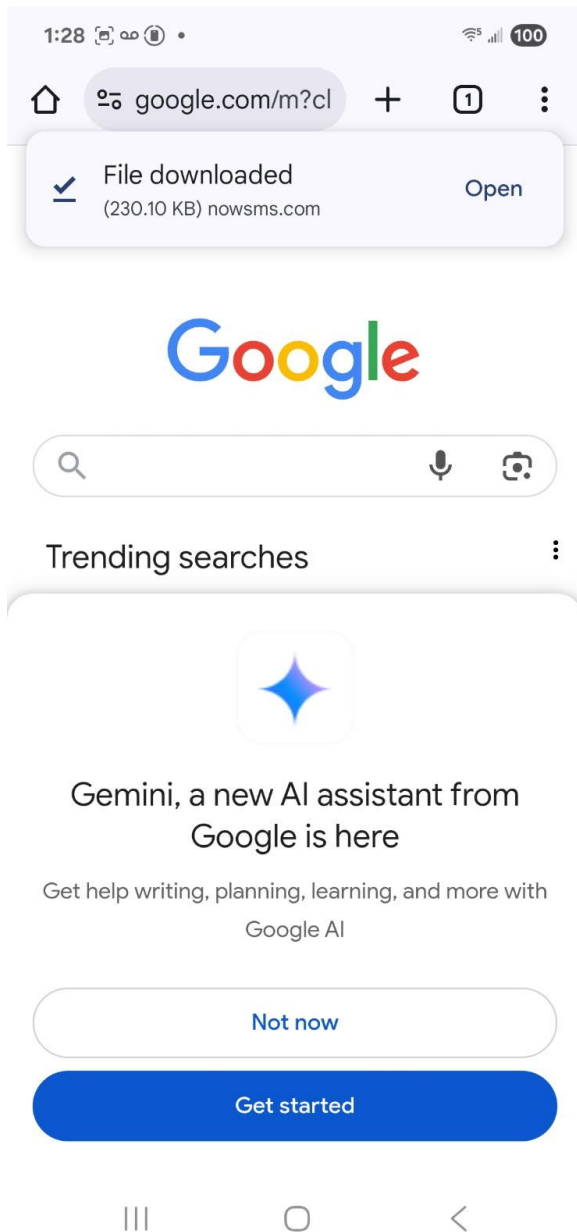
Step 5 - Download NowSMS Modem App with Chrome

In the navigation window in Chrome, enter the URL for downloading the NowSMS Modem:
https://nowsms.com/apk

If the app has previously been downloaded to the device, you may be prompted whether or not it should be downloaded again. If a warning is displayed that the "File can't be download securely", select "Keep".
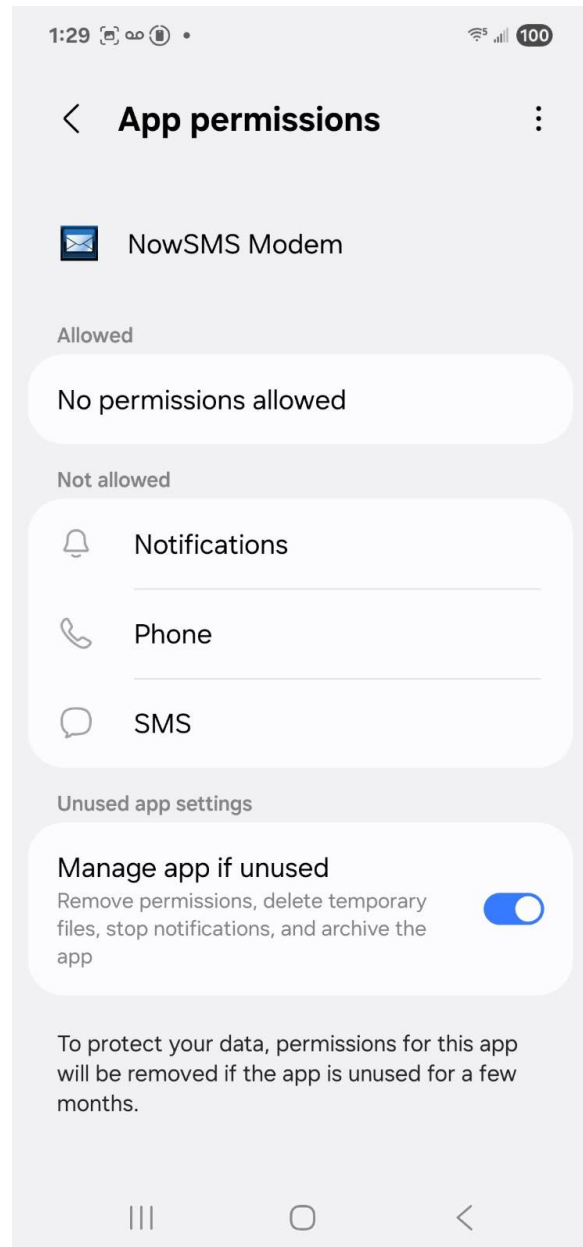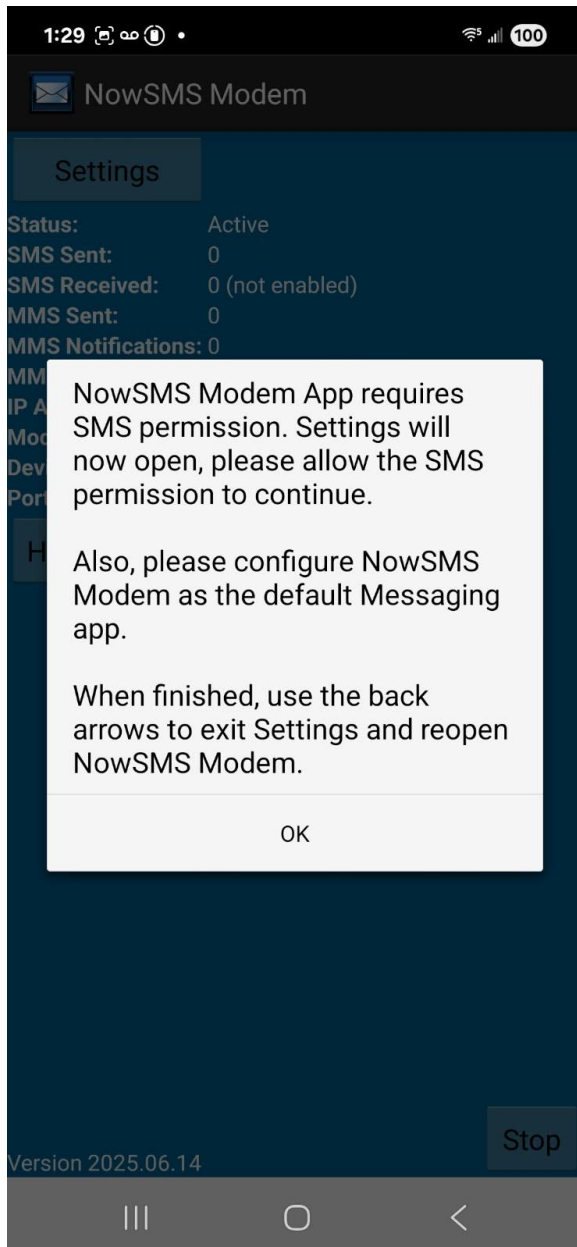
When the download is complete, select the options to Open and Install (or Update) the NowSMS Modem app.

Step 6 - Enable Notifications and Permissions for NowSMS Modem App

When NowSMS Modem is first opened after installation, it will display a message indicating that SMS permissions must be enabled for the app. After pressing the "OK" button, the Android app settings will be opened.
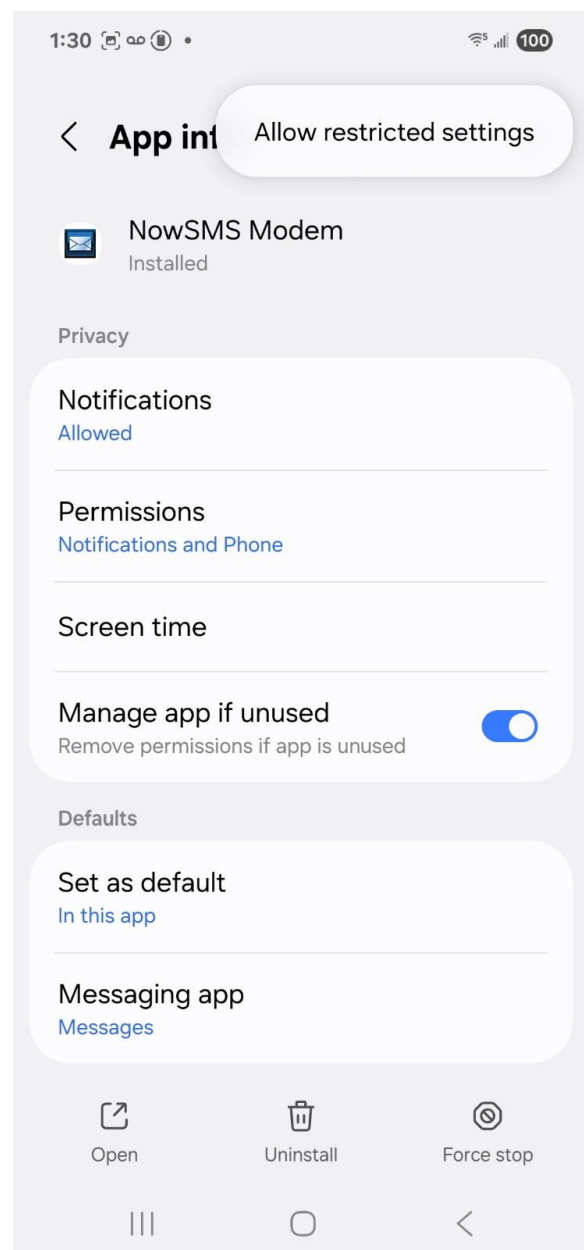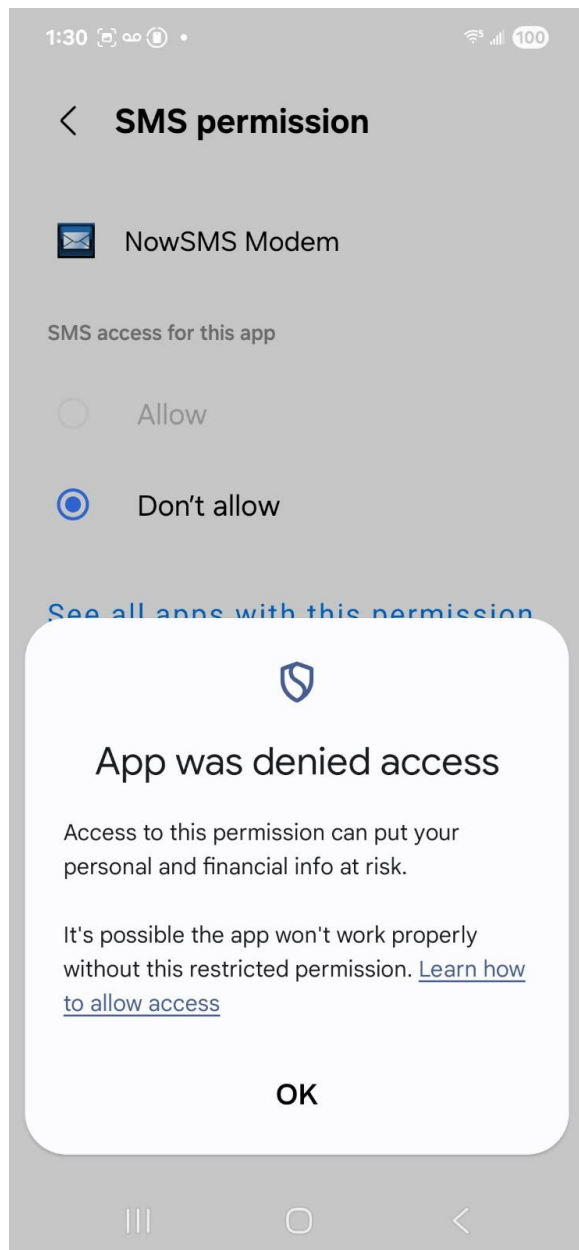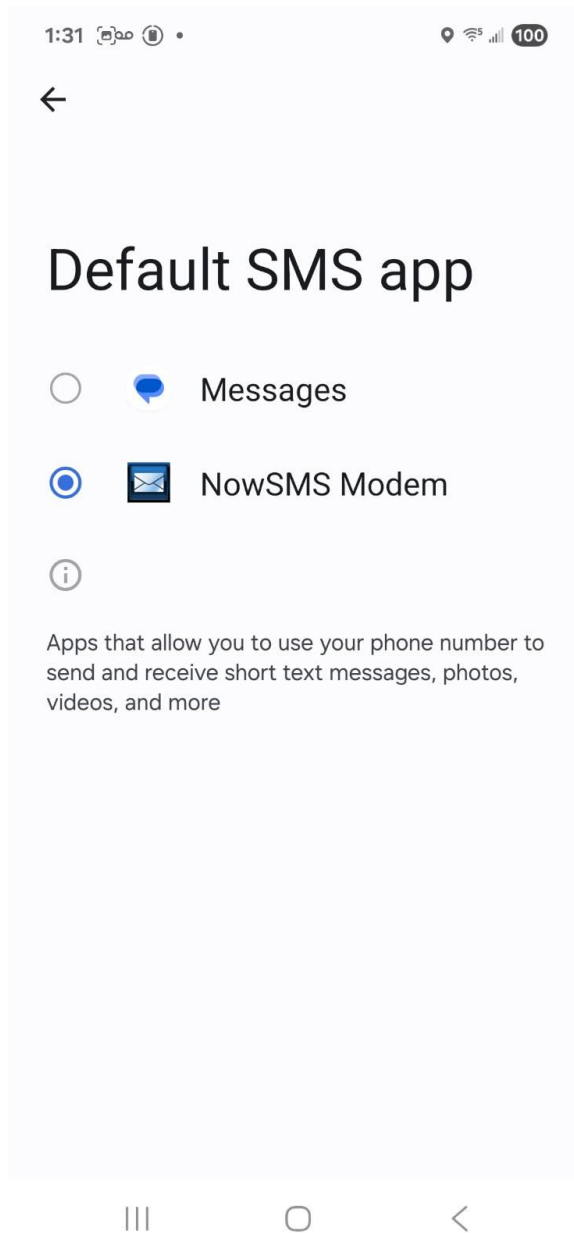
Select each of the "Not allowed' permissions and set them to "Allowed". Note that Google makes it somewhat difficult to allow the SMS permission, which will be grayed out. Try to select Allow, and a message will be displayed that the "App was denied access". After this message is displayed, press "OK", then the back arrow twice,

Select the 3 dots in the upper right corner of the display, and an option "Allow restricted settings" should be available to select, which will enable the SMS permission to be allowed.

In the "Defaults" section, select "Messaging app" and select "NowSMS Modem".

Press the back arrow several times to exit Settings.

If returned to Chrome, press the circle to return to the home screen. Locate and select the NowSMS Modem icon to continue the configuration process (connecting the modem app to a NowSMS server).