

Apple vowing to resist FBI demand to crack iPhone; decision could impact smartphone users

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PHOENIX - A growing court battle between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Apple could have a big impact on your privacy and personal security.

"Everyone who has an iPhone and the information contained on all those with similar devices is at stake," said attorney Marc Lamber with Fennemore Craig.

A federal judge has ordered Apple to open the phone of accused terrorist Seyd Farook.

FBI officials say data inside the phone could tell them if Farook worked with ISIS while planning a shooting in San Bernardino that left 14 dead.

In a statement posted on their website Apple says that to open the phone they would have to create a "master key" that could then be used by hackers.

Apple CEO Tim Cook called the technology "too dangerous to create."

"The hackers and the jailbreaking community will figure it out in less than a year. If there is a back door they will figure it out," said MacMaster technology expert Jeremy Cohn.

Apple says it will contest the court ruling.

Apple's letter to customers can be found [here](#).

Lamber has written extensively on legal matters. His blog can be found [here](#).

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