

Samsung adding anti-theft solutions to smartphones

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A customer tries out a Samsung Galaxy S5 smartphone at a mobile phone shop in Seoul on March 27, 2014

Samsung Electronics is adding two safeguards to its latest smartphone in

an effort to deter rampant theft of the mobile devices.

The features announced Friday by the world's leading mobile-phone maker will protect the Samsung Galaxy 5 S, which goes on sale next week. The models sold by wireless carriers Verizon Wireless and U.S. Cellular will include "Find My Mobile" and "Reactivation Lock" anti-theft options that users can activate for free.

The announcement comes as prosecutors in San Francisco, New York and [law enforcement officials](#) nationwide have been demanding manufacturers create "kill" switches to combat surging smartphone theft across the nation.

Samsung says its new measures lock the phone if there's an unauthorized attempt to reset it.

Apple created a similar "activation lock" feature for the iPhone last year.

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