

Just shake your phone to send an SOS text

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A recently launched android phone app, SOS-Stay Safe promises to empower citizens in times of emergency.

At a time when safety is the prime concern, especially for women, it comes as a relief to know that Extentia Information Technology has launched an application called SOS Stay Safe.

While there are plenty of apps out there that have been created to empower the citizens in emergency situations, this one has already created a niche for itself, within a day of its launch, all thanks to its user friendly features.

Farah Nisargi, senior product manager Extentia Information Technology, said, "SOS Stay Safe app is different from many similar applications available in the market. It allows users to easily and quickly send out alerts to their emergency contacts. We have implemented this technology in android-based smartphones to empower users in an emergency situation."

In case of any emergency, all one needs to do is shake one's phone and a message with an email is immediately sent to the person whose number and email address has been registered for emergency purposes. An added feature to this is that one can also select the frequency and the number of times the alerts can go to the concerned person. One can also register as many numbers as they want, as their emergency contacts. The message that is sent to the concerned people will mention the address of the place, the time and the amount of battery life remaining in the distressed person's phone, which will promptly intimate them to take safety measures to rescue the person.

However, this application will not work if the phone is switched off.

Anisha Shashidharan, who has been using the application since the time it was launched, couldn't be happier. "The application is useful and is a nice way to portray safety. As a working woman using this app makes me feel that help is just a call away."

However, while brainstorming, the team also got quite a few suggestions to improve and better the application, which it promises to take into consideration in the future. Some of the suggestions were to be able to send messages in regional languages as well, because safety and security problems are an issue for rural people as much as they are for urban people; to send out alerts to a selected group of friends on Facebook and many more. "We are committed to the application and will continue to support and improve it," said Nisargi.