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# Apps and alert services for women in distress

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Even as the gang-rape victim battles for life, the outraged protesters are unrelenting on ending agitations. Whether the government agrees to amend laws or not, one thing is sure that the government wants to reassure women that it is committed to ensure their security. On Monday, the government offered a three-digit helpline number, 167, for helping women in distress, but it is yet to come into force.

Meanwhile, here is a list of emergency services and apps that women can rely on when they feel insecure

### Airtel Emergency Service:

Bharti Airtel recently launched an 'emergency alert service' enabling its subscribers to send alert message with location details to 10 mobile numbers, even in the places where there is no network.

Subscribers can even send a 'SAFE' SMS indication to a pre-defined group of 10 family members and friends and keep them informed of their well-being when they venture out alone and during any natural calamity or disaster with just one click.

The 'Emergency Alert Service' comes with a Rs. 30 charge for 30 days but the alert message can be sent even if one doesn't have minimum balance in their account.

### Apps for Women:

**Fight Back:** Women in the country can now look forward to alerting their friends and family with the push of a button on sensing danger using a mobile application called 'Fight Back'. Developed by mobile value added services provider CanvasM, the application tracks a user's location and sends SOS messages to selected contacts in case of an emergency.

### Scream Alarm!:

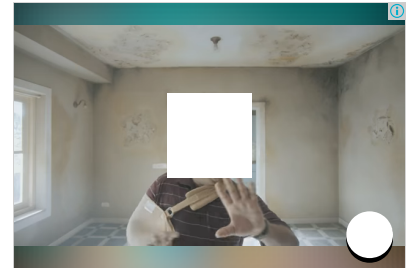
This free safety alarm can be extremely useful for women cornered or in distress. The only function of the app is to scream loudly in a woman's voice which would be enough to make any perpetrator to flee. If a woman ever feels insecure walking alone, this app will act as the perfect alarm, not only for scaring away the bad guys but also to bring help in the vicinity.

### EyeWatch:

This free application has been designed to help people during difficult situations, especially helpful for women. The app makes your phone double as a safety device allowing you to alert your loved ones discreetly. Even if your GPS does not work or you are inside a building, the app can track your location. The app makes you ensure that your family is safe without having to raise an SOS alert.

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