

Multi-tool rape alarm takes photos, sprays mace and calls the cops



This is part of a series of articles that looks at entrepreneurs hoping to get their ideas off the ground through crowdfunding. At the time of writing, each of these innovations is currently seeking funding.

Most women hope that they'll never find themselves in a dangerous situation when walking alone, but the sad fact is that many do. We've already seen [Guardian Angel](#) — the necklace that sends a fake call to wearers' phones to give them a way out of uncomfortable advances — which could stop any violence from happening in the first place. But in the case when an attack does happen, [The Defender](#) is a small tool that includes an alarm, pepper spray, photo capture and automatic emergency service alerts in one.

Currently seeking funding on Indiegogo, the device takes the form of a thin cylinder that can fit into a purse or pocket. As well as containing the highest concentration of pepper spray legally available, The Defender also comes with tiny-but-powerful speaker that can act as a siren or sound phrases to ward off the attacker. When the spray is activated, the device takes a photo of the assailant. The Defender connects to the owner's smartphone via Bluetooth, which enables the photo to be sent immediately to a medically-trained response team, along with a GPS location. The team is available 24/7 and will also contact local authorities with the information.

Watch the video below to learn more about The Defender:

The device is currently available to pre-order for USD 159, with one-year of 24/7 monitoring support

included. The campaign runs until 5 September. Are there other smart devices that could help prevent violence against women?

Indiegogo: www.igg.me/at/thedefender

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