

How Epowar can help you report:

Witness Statement Template of your Epowar Evidence Pack

Note for the Epowar User

How can I report something?

In the UK you can report anything you feel is not right either online via www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/ or by calling 101. **In an emergency, please call 999.**

What is a witness statement?

When reporting a crime the police may ask for a witness statement. This statement usually includes your account of what happened or the account of another witness. To make this process as easy as possible for you and your friends we have automatically filled out an NPCC-recommended template below. This template outlines the evidence collected via the Epowar app, and relevant details about how this evidence is recorded and stored.

How can I use this witness statement?

If you decide to file a report with the police, you can share your evidence pack, including this witness statement, by attaching it to the case, or forwarding it to the responsible officer.

Witness Statement Form from Epowar to the Reporting Authority

I am Erin-Jane Roodt, the CEO and co-founder of Epowar. Epowar is a personal safety app with the following functionality:

- Users can share their live location with friends they select for their journey. Friends get alerted with a Critical Alert if the user enters SOS mode. If a user is unable to be contacted, the friends added to the journey can request evidence on their behalf.
- Users can connect a smartwatch (any Android or Apple device) to use the Epowar Automatic Attack Detection AI that automatically detects an attack based on heart rate and motion data from their smartwatch sensors.
- All users can manually press an SOS button that is accessible from the lock screen, in the app, from a widget, or from a smartwatch.
- The app stores evidence after an attack was detected or an SOS button has been pressed, which includes audio recordings from the phone and smartwatch, detailed location data, and vital signs if a smartwatch was connected. Evidence is stored securely in the cloud and emailed to the user straight away. More details on data storage below.
- Premium users can also receive a “check-in” message from their trackers that allows them to respond with “I’m OK”, “SOS” or “Unsure”. Responding with both “SOS” and “Unsure” starts evidence recording.
- When a user ends the SOS mode by swiping “I’m OK” or ends their Journey in the app, their trackers will be informed that they are safe again and the evidence recording stops.

This statement is provided in relation to an activation of the app being used by TEST on 29-12-2022, 16:22 and produces the following data as evidence.

Presenting the Evidence

The user TEST triggered the SOS mode via the Epowar app on 29-12-2022 at 16:24 by pressing the SOS button, which initiated the recording of microphone data.

I produce the following evidence:

1. Exhibit EJ/01 - a HTML file containing the route for the journey taken by user TEST dated 29-12-2022, 16:22 . The journey map shows the route taken while the app was in operation/use. The blue markers indicate the start and end of the journey. The red markers indicate where an activation was made. The green markers indicate before the user activated and after they had reported themselves as safe again. The chequered flag marker indicates the user's intended destination.

2. Exhibit EJR/02 - an image containing the timeline for the journey taken by user TEST dated 29-12-2022, 16:22. The journey timeline shows the times at which status updates were received. The blue markers indicate the start and end of a journey. The red markers indicate where an activation was made. The green markers indicate before the user activated and after they had reported themselves as safe again.
3. Exhibit EJR/03 - a CSV file containing the raw status updates (safe/SOS/attack) with respective location coordinates and timestamps for the journey taken by user TEST dated 29-12-2022, 16:22.
3. Exhibit EJR/04 - a directory containing phone audio recordings initiated by user TEST dated 29-12-2022 with time indicated by their respective file names in the format HHMMSS. The audio data is recorded in 10-second segments.
4. Exhibit EJR/05 - a directory containing watch audio recordings initiated by user TEST dated 29-12-2022 with time indicated by their respective file names in the format HHMMSS. The audio data is recorded in 10-second segments.
5. Exhibit EJR/06 - a directory containing CSV files with raw heart rate sensor, accelerometer and gyroscope readings for the journey taken by user TEST dated 29-12-2022, 16:22.

Epowar Data Source and Storage

The source data from which these exhibits have been created remains on secure servers in Ireland and London and will be retained for as long as required.