# University of Regina

# Meeting with Sexual Violence Prevention and Response coordinator at the UofR

06 November 2023 / 3:00 PM / Zoom

## **ATTENDEES**

Lynn Thera and Kawthar Alkhateeb

#### AGENDA

- Introduce SecureShe to Lynn?
  - A mobile app that offers women the quickest and easiest way to contact their nearest help when in danger or when they need support.
- Discuss what users will need in Regina? (discuss features that the app would provide)
  - Live Location Sharing Feature: When a user is in danger and wishes to share their location with a contact, the app provides this functionality. Upon sharing their location, a pre-set message will be sent when the user taps the button. For example, if the user is prone to panic attacks, they can pre-set a message like, "I am having a panic attack," which will be sent along with their location when they decide to share their live location.
  - Local Support Resources: Lynn it's a great idea to include resources for people. If possible, can you incorporate a feature that allows users to call these numbers more quickly? For instance, when the user clicks on the number, it should initiate a call.
    - I believe this is technically feasible!
  - We were considering incorporating a community forum feature in our app where users can share their stories. Lynn has suggested rethinking this. Is this potentially more harmful than helpful for the community?
  - Your message is clear, but I've made a minor adjustment for clarity:

Location Indicator:We were contemplating a feature where users can view on the map which areas are more dangerous than others. Lynn has also suggested rethinking this idea because approximately 80% of gender-based violence incidents involve people we know, so locations might not be a significant factor in this context.

#### Access to testers for testing SecureShe

Talk to the Faculty of Justice Student Association, Psychology Student Association, and Social Work Student Association. If necessary, we can also contact the UofR Wellness Center, and they may assist us in promoting our initiative through their social media accounts.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

 For Kawthar - Discuss the outcomes of this meeting with the team's members.

### FOLLOWING WEEK'S AGENDA:

- Lynn is open to having a meeting whenever we feel the need.