

Project Research

After completing my background research, I have learned that safety is a main concern when traveling. Although safety is a such a concern, there isn't a common companion / safety app that is being used among travelers. Over the years, there has been several news article about suggesting good companion apps when you are traveling alone, but the app in those lists are constantly changing. The articles "5 personal safety apps that watch your back" by Amber Bouman hosted on PCworld.com and "Best 10 Safety App For Women [Android]" by Upasana Dass hosted on HongKiat.com both talk about different safety / companion apps available. In the lists of applications, there is only one app that is on both lists. With in the lists of app, some are paid, while some are free. There are similar features in all of them with only slight differences with each, for instance, some have a chat feature, some have on the second GPS tracking, and some have simple buttons to press when you have arrived. Another issue with these articles, is that some of the apps are no longer working or in the market, which makes it confusing at times, when you are in a need to quickly find an app when you are already out.

One article I found, that featured very promising looking apps is "2 Best Travel Apps for 2017" by Travel Writer on corporatetravelsafety.com, features Safeture and Hitlist. Safeture being the safety app and Hitlist for traveling. Safeture is an interesting app, because is thinking on a global scale. For example, it will display local news from wherever you are, even if you are outside of the United States. Another interesting feature is that it features safety information of the country you are at, these information include safety and security tips, travel guides, and entry requirements. It will also contact the local authorities, by connecting to the country's emergency

phone number. This app is nicely design as well, and seems intuitive. The only issue is that it requires payment to use, with the cheapest plan being \$3.99 for two weeks and the most expensive being \$21.99 for a whole year. On the app store, there are no reviews for the app, so I am not sure how workable it is. I believe that having to pay is deterring users from using it, although it has so many great features.

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