

# On-the-Go AppSuite Documentation

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## Section 1: How it Works

### How the On-the-Go AppSuite Works

This system is a simple and cost-effective safety net built using web technologies. It's made of two apps and a smart Google Sheet that ties them together.

1. **The Worker App (PWA):** This is the app for your worker's smartphone.
  - **Simple Mode:** A pure safety timer. Workers tap "Start" on arrival and "Depart" when safe.
  - **Advanced Mode:** Adds visit reporting. When departing, a custom checklist appears.

- **Quick Stat:** Log administrative data without starting a timer.
  - **Auto-Distance:** Automatically calculates driving distance between start and end points.
2. **The Google Apps Script Backend (The Brain):** This is a Google Sheet with a script attached. It catches data from the app, logs it, and runs an automatic 5-minute trigger to check for overdue workers. It handles all email and SMS escalations.
  3. **The Monitoring Dashboard:** A real-time dashboard for your safety monitor. It refreshes every 15 seconds to show who is on-site and who is in distress.

## Section 2: Preparation Checklist (Advanced Only)

If you are deploying the "Simple" (Safety-Only) version, you can skip this section.

If you are deploying the **Advanced** version, you will need to sign up for a few free services *before* you run the Setup Tool. Gather the following items in a text document so you are ready to copy and paste them.

Service	Purpose	Cost	Required?	What to Save
Google Account	Hosts the database and script.	Free	Yes	Email & Password
GitHub Account	Hosts the App files (PWA).	Free	Yes	Username & Password
TextBelt	Sends SMS Alerts.	Free (1/day)	Yes (Built-in)	<i>No setup needed</i>
Google AI Studio	AI Grammar/Spelling correction on reports.	Free	Optional	API Key
OpenRouteService	Auto-calculates driving distance for reports.	Free (2k/day)	Optional	API Key

## Section 3: Deployment Administrator Guide

**Goal:** To generate and host your own private versions of the Worker App and Monitoring Dashboard.

### Part 1: Use the Online Setup Tool

To access the On-the-Go AppSuite Setup Tool website, visit: **[Your Hosted `setup.html` URL]**

#### Step 1: Welcome

- Click "Start Setup".

#### Step 2: Sheet Setup

- **Create Sheet:** Click `sheets.new` to open a blank Google Sheet. Name it (e.g., "OTG AppSuite Data").
- **Visits Sheet:** Rename "Sheet1" to `Visits`.
- **Copy Headers:** Click the "Copy Headers" button in the setup tool.

- **Paste Headers:** In your Google Sheet, click cell **A1** and **Paste**.
- **(Advanced Only) Checklists Sheet:**
  - Add a new tab named `Checklists` .
  - Set **A1** to `Template Name` , **B1** to `Question 1` , etc.
  - Add a row where `Template Name` is `(Standard)` .

### Step 3: Configure & Deploy Script

- **Enter Details:** Fill in Organisation Name, Secret Key, Alert times.
- **Choose App Type:** Check "Enable Advanced Visit Reporting" if desired.
- **API Keys (Advanced Only):**
  - Paste your **Gemini API Key** (see Section 6.1).
  - Paste your **OpenRouteService API Key** (see Section 6.2).
- **Copy Script:** Click "Copy Script".
- **Paste & Deploy:**
  1. In Google Sheets, go to `Extensions > Apps Script` .
  2. Paste the code into `Code.gs` .
  3. Click `Deploy > New deployment` (Type: Web app, Access: Anyone).
  4. **Authorize** the script permissions.
  5. **Copy** the `Web app URL` .
- **Set Trigger:** In Apps Script, add a trigger for `checkOverdueWorkers` (Time-driven, Minutes timer, Every 5 minutes).

### Step 4: Configure Apps

- Paste the `Web app URL` .
- Configure Check-in settings and Logo URL.
- Click "Test Connection & Proceed".

### Step 5: Download

- Click "Generate & Download App Package (.zip)".

### Part 2: Host on GitHub

1. Unzip the package.
2. Create a new **Public** repository on GitHub.
3. Upload the `WorkerApp` and `MonitorApp` folders.
4. Go to **Settings > Pages** and enable GitHub Pages (Source: `main` , Folder: `/root` ).
5. Save your new **Worker App URL** and **Monitor App URL**.

## Section 4: (Optional) Create an Installer for the Monitoring App

(See *Installer Creation Guide.md* in your templates folder for full details on using Nativefier).

## Section 5: (Optional) Spreadsheet Administrator Guide

This guide is for the person managing the Google Sheet database.

### 5.1 Monthly Report Tabs

1. Ensure you have a `Master Report` tab with the month (YYYY-MM) in cell B1.
2. Assign the function `generateMasterMonthlyReport` to a button.
3. Click to generate tabs for each company.

### 5.2 PDF Reports

1. Create a Google Doc template and get its ID.
2. Assign the function `generateAllPdfReports` to a button.
3. Click to generate PDFs in your Drive folder.

### 5.3 Travel Reports (Mileage & Time)

**New Feature:** This generates a specific report for HR/Payroll.

1. Go to the `Master Report` tab.
2. Create a button labeled "Generate Travel Report".
3. Assign the script function: `generateWorkerTravelReport`.
4. **Output:** When clicked, it scans all visits for that month.
  - It calculates **Time On Site** (Departure - Arrival).
  - It sums up **Distance** (looking for any numeric field named `$ KMs`, `$ Mileage`, or `$ Distance`).
  - It creates a new tab `Travel Report - [Month]` listing totals by worker.

### 5.4 Database Maintenance (Auto-Archiving)

To keep the app fast, set up a weekly trigger:

1. Go to `Extensions > Apps Script`.
2. Add a trigger for the function `archiveOldData`.
3. Set it to `Time-driven > Weekly`.
4. This will automatically move rows older than 60 days to a separate Archive Spreadsheet.

## Section 6: (Optional) How to Get API Keys

### 6.1 Gemini API Key (AI Correction)

1. Go to [aistudio.google.com](https://aistudio.google.com).
2. Click "Get API Key" > "Create API Key".
3. Copy the key string.
4. **Important:** You must enable "Billing" in the associated Google Cloud Project (you will not be charged for this app's low usage, but it is required for verification).

## 6.2 OpenRouteService API Key (Distance Calculation)

1. Go to [openrouteservice.org](https://openrouteservice.org).
2. Click "Sign Up" and create a free account.
3. Once logged in, go to your **Dashboard**.
4. Scroll to "Tokens" and select "Standard" (Free) from the dropdown.
5. Give it a name (e.g., "OTG App") and click "Create".
6. **Copy** the **Key** (a long string of numbers and letters).
7. Paste this into the Setup Tool (Step 3).

## Section 7: Worker App User Guide

### Installation & Setup

1. Open the link on your phone.
2. **Important:** Tap "Add to Home Screen".
3. Open the app, go to **Settings**, and fill in your Name, Phone, and **PINs**.

### Using the App

1. **Start:** Select a location and tap "Start".
2. **Safety:**
  - **SOS:** Triple-tap the red button for an immediate Panic Alert.
  - **Duress:** If forced to cancel an alert, enter your **Duress PIN**. It looks like it worked but sends a silent alarm.
3. **Departing (Advanced):**
  - Tap "Depart & File Report".
  - **Auto-Distance:** If enabled, the app will calculate the distance from your start point to your current location and pre-fill the \$ KMs box. You can tap the box to edit it if needed.
  - Fill in the checklist and notes.
  - Tap "Submit Report".

### Quick Stats

Use the "Quick Stat" button (teal) on the home screen to log admin tasks or phone calls without starting a safety timer.

## Section 8: Troubleshooting

- **SMS Not Sending:** Check the backend logs. If you see "Quota Exceeded," wait 24 hours (free tier is 1/day/number).
- **Distance Not Calculating:** Ensure you provided a valid OpenRouteService key during setup and that the worker has GPS enabled.
- **"Travelling" Tile Missing:** Go to Settings and click "Clear Cached Forms & Data", then reload the app.

- **Buttons Not Working:** Ensure you have completed