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School Shootings in America: Eye Need A Witness is Technology Built to Protect Our Schools

Incidents such as the Parkland, Florida school shooting highlight a need for additional safety measures

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February 28, 2019 | We don't have to peruse the news too far to find disturbing articles about gun violence in our schools. Just last year, a 19-year-old shooter in Parkland, Florida took the lives of 17 students and staff using an AR-15 style rifle. A brand new mobile app, Eye Need a Witness, aims to quickly identify and reduce such crises in our schools.

Gun control activists at Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund started recording school shooting incidents at vulnerable public institutions in 2013. Though not all incidents were intentional or involved fatalities, they reported an average of 54.6 incidents per year from 2013 to 2017.

Using Eye Need a Witness, students and staff can alert the network - including campus security and local police - to events including bomb threats, evacuations, injuries or other medical emergencies, building fires, school bus incidents, active shooters, hostage situations, and lockdowns. In the event of an active shooter situation, users can send a special high alert which sends real-time data to help students and staff get to safety quickly and enable first responders to assist immediately.

Eye Need a Witness also includes a detailed administrative dashboard, allowing school administrators to receive critical information and stay in control. The dashboard gives administrators the ability to vet critical alerts before notifying the entire network, including parents, of a campus event. Because the dashboard shows alerts, queries, and metrics by school, district, or throughout the state, it is also a valuable tool for administrators to analyze their school security and pinpoint gaps in safety protocol.

The Eye Need a Witness app is breakthrough technology which turns your phone into a personal safety device, closing the distance between those in need and the people around them who can help. Go to www.EyeNeedAWitness.com to find out how you can help protect our students and build a safer future.

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