

OurPwr

User Guide

Empowering you to feel safer, wherever you are

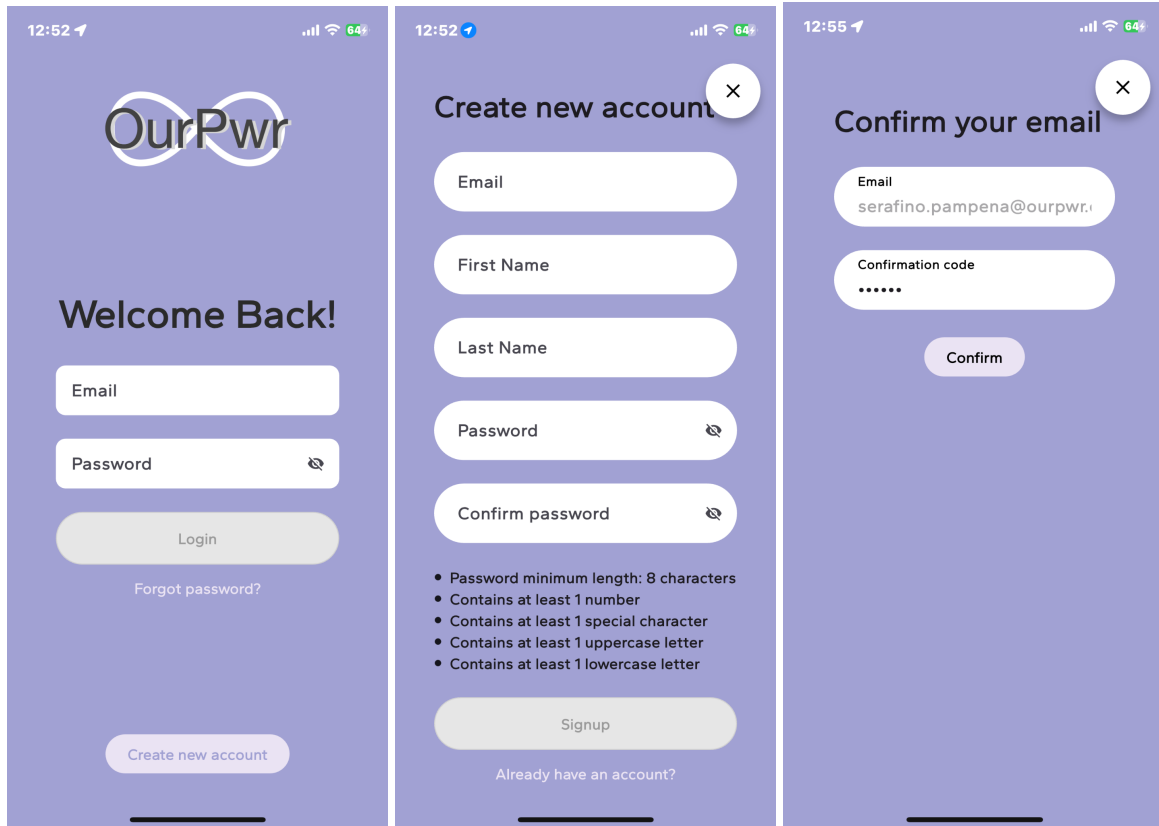
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1. Getting Started

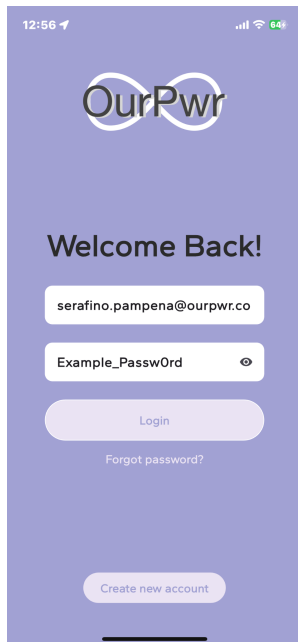
Creating an Account

1. Open the app. You will see the OurPwr welcome screen.
2. Enter your email address and choose a password.
3. Tap Create Account.
4. Check your email for a verification code and enter it on the next screen.
5. Once verified, you are taken straight to the home screen.



Logging In

6. Open the app and tap Log In.
7. Enter your email and password, then tap Log In.
8. If you forget your password, use the reset link on the login screen.



Permissions

OurPwr needs the following permissions to work correctly:

- Location —> to show your position on the map and share it with your circle during an emergency.
- Camera and Microphone —> for Digital Witness recordings.
- Notifications —> to receive panic alerts from people in your circle.

The app will ask for each permission when you are finishing the onboarding process. Granting them is strongly recommended; otherwise, your app will not function as expected, and you will not always receive accurate information.

2. Home Screen

The home screen is your safety dashboard. It shows a live map centred on your current location.

The Action Button

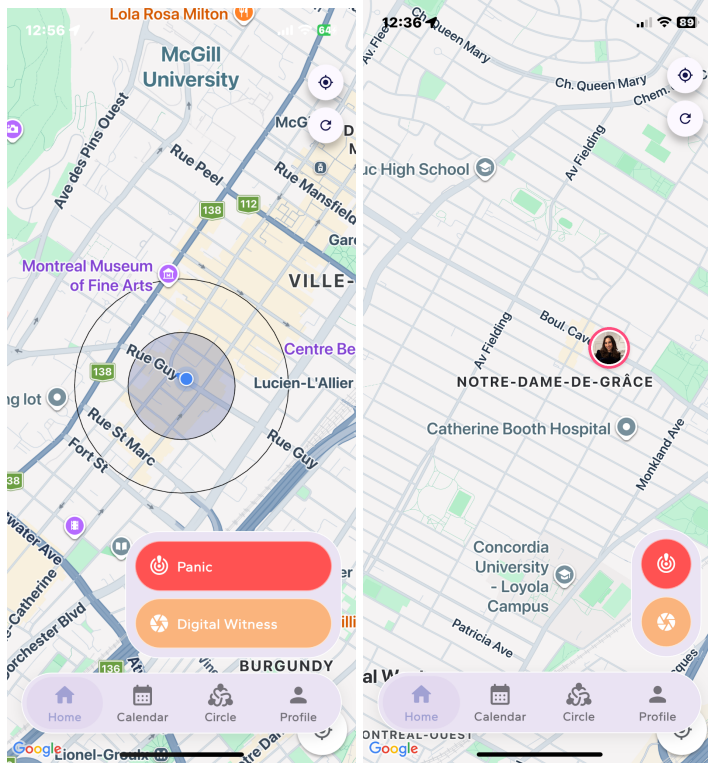
A floating pill-shaped button sits in the bottom-right corner of the map. Tap it to expand two actions:

Button	What it does
Panic (red)	Send an emergency alert to your entire circle immediately.
Digital Witness (orange)	Starts recording video and audio evidence.

Long-press either button to see its label pop out. The button appearance updates to reflect your current status (e.g., the Digital Witness button shows 'Stop Witness' while active and is a lighter slightly grayed out orange).

The Map

Your position is shown with a marker. Circle members' positions update in real time so you can see who is nearby.



3. Triggering a Panic

Use this when you feel unsafe and need someone from your circle to come to you.

9. From the home screen, tap the red Panic button.
10. An alert is sent immediately to everyone in your circle. Your GPS location is shared with them.
11. Circle members who accept the alert will navigate to you. They can select the walk or drive option and can get exact directions to open on Google Maps.
12. The panic stays active until you or a responder ends it.

Tip: *If you accidentally trigger a panic, you can cancel it — but it is always better to confirm you are safe with your circle rather than cancel silently.*

4. Responding to a Panic

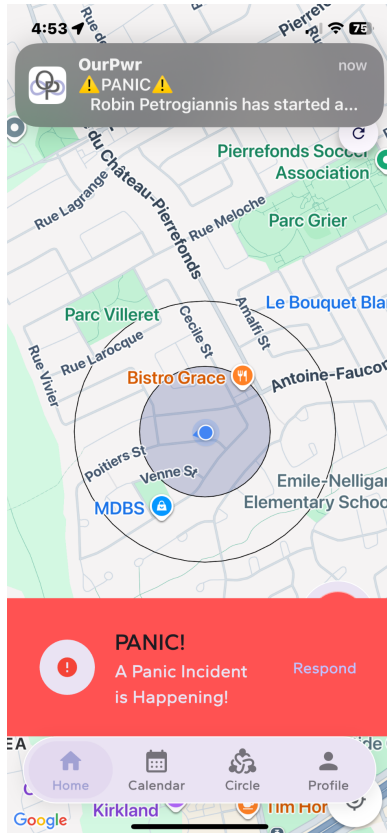
When someone in your circle triggers a panic, you receive a push notification and an in-app alert.

Accepting the Alert

13. A notification banner appears at the bottom of your screen with the person's name.

14. Tap the notification (or open the app) to see the panic details.
15. Tap Respond to accept and begin navigating to them.

Note: *If you are already responding to another panic, the new alert is held for 30 seconds. When you leave the current response screen the pending alert will appear. If 30 seconds pass with no action, the alert is automatically declined.*

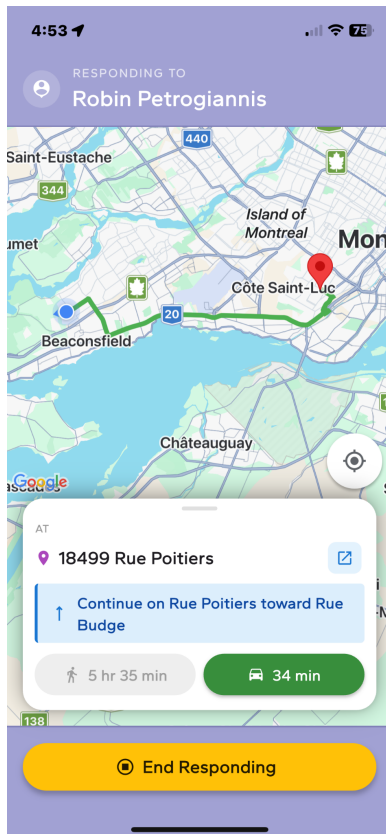


The Panic Response Screen

Once you accept a panic, you see a full navigation screen showing:

- Map — your location, the panicker's location, and your route.
- ETA — estimated arrival time based on your current travel mode (within a range of 1-5 minutes).
- Travel mode selector — switch between Driving and Walking to recalculate the route.
- Current street address — your present location as a readable address.
- Turn-by-turn instruction — the next direction on your route.

The route updates automatically as you move.



Arriving

When you get close to the panicker, the app notifies you and switches the route to walking directions for the final approach.

Stopping a Response

Tap End Responding at any time. A confirmation dialog will appear:

- Stop responding — confirms you are leaving and returns you to the home screen.
- Cancel — keeps you on the response screen and continues the route.

Note: *The Android system back button will not exit this screen. You must use End Responding to leave intentionally. This prevents accidental exits during an active emergency.*

5. Digital Witness — Evidence Recording

Digital Witness lets you record video from both cameras simultaneously and audio that is securely uploaded and stored — useful if you feel threatened and want a timestamped record.

Starting a Recording

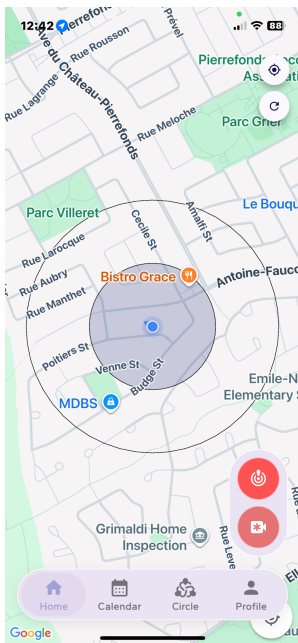
16. From the home screen, tap the orange Digital Witness button.

17. Recording begins immediately. The button label changes to show it is active.
18. Your recording is automatically uploaded to secure storage as it happens.

Note: *If you start the digital witness or Panic while on a phone call or trying to use your camera or microphone for another purpose, these functionalities will not work as expected. This is because your microphone and cameras cannot be in use with another application if you are trying to capture evidence. Therefore, you may be able to activate this mode but it will not work as expected.*

Note: *For testing purposes it is worth testing this to see what should be used to clarify these issues as well as if something seems misleading.*

Note: *When your phone is in Low Battery mode the Digital Witness does not work as accurately because your device is reducing its capabilities to preserve battery life. The front camera of the phone does not capture the video. The back camera and the audio are still captured. This is important to be aware of for testing and usage purposes.*

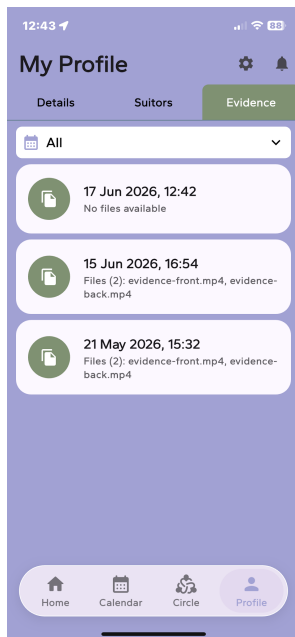


Stopping a Recording

Tap the Digital Witness button again to stop. The file is finalised and saved to your Evidence archive. You will receive a notification when your recordings are ready to be viewed, they are not immediately accessible as they need to be processed on our backend before you can view them.

Viewing Your Recordings

All recordings are available in your Profile under the Evidence tab. See Section 8 — My Profile for details.



6. My Circle (Community)

My Circle is your network of trusted people who can respond to your panics — and whose panics you can respond to.

Viewing Your Circle

Tap My Circle in the navigation bar. You will see two groups:

- Followers — people who follow you and can respond when you trigger a panic.
- Following — people you follow and can respond to.

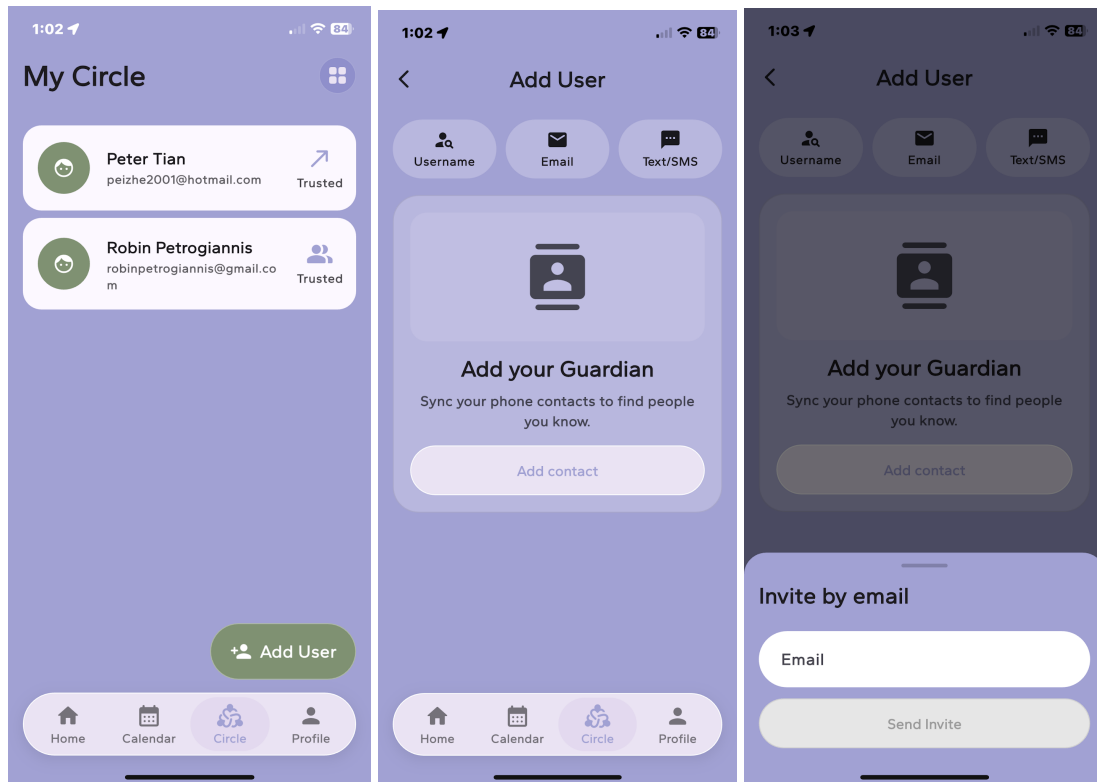
Use the toggle button at the top-right to switch between list view and card/grid view.

Adding Someone to Your Circle

19. Tap the + Add button. Choose how to invite them:

Method	How it works
Username	Search by their OurPwr username and send a request.
Email	Enter their email address to send an invitation.

SMS	Send a text message invitation to their phone number. (coming soon)
Contacts	Sync your phone contacts to find existing OurPwr users.



Accepting an Invitation

If someone invites you, you receive a notification. Tap it to open the invitation screen and accept you are then added to each other's circles.

The invited person receives a notification or message with a link to connect.

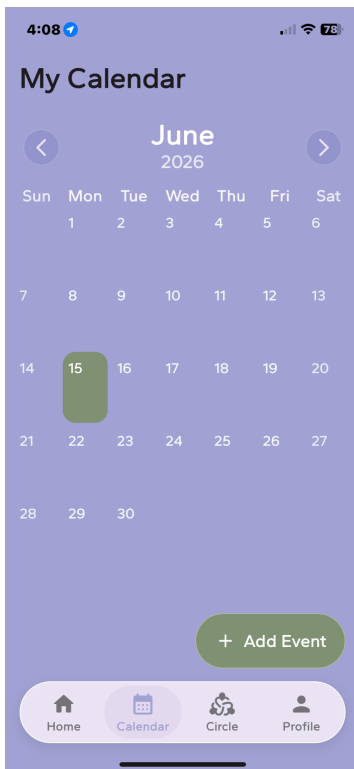
- If the invitation was done through email or contact method, the invited's will see it in their respective account
- If the invitation was done through username, it will appear in the invited's circle page

7. My Calendar

The calendar lets you plan and track personal events.

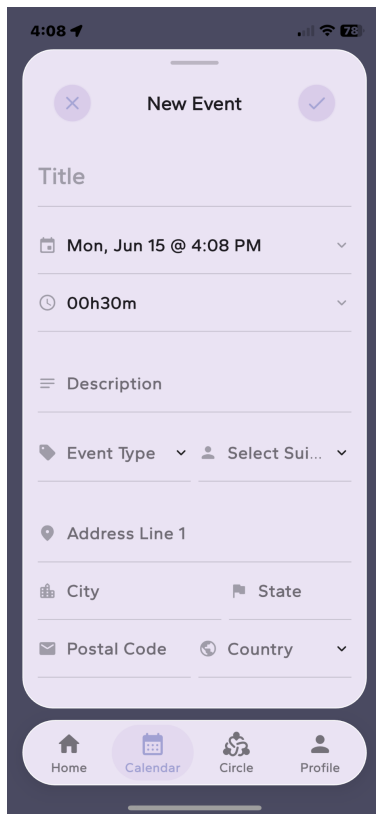
Viewing Events

Tap My Calendar in the navigation bar. The monthly view shows coloured dots on days that have events. Tap any date to open a bottom sheet (a screen that will scroll upwards from the bottom of the phone) listing all events for that day.



Adding an Event

20. Tap the + button at the bottom-right of the screen.
21. Fill in the details: title, date, time, location, and any notes.
22. Tap Save.



4:08

New Event

Title

Mon, Jun 15 @ 4:08 PM

00h30m

Description

Event Type Select Sui...

Address Line 1

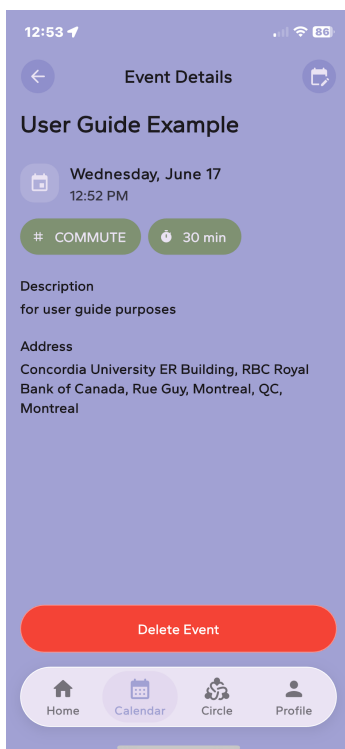
City State

Postal Code Country

Home Calendar Circle Profile

Editing or Deleting an Event

In the day's event list, swipe an event left or right to reveal the edit and delete options.



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Event Details

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Wednesday, June 17
12:52 PM

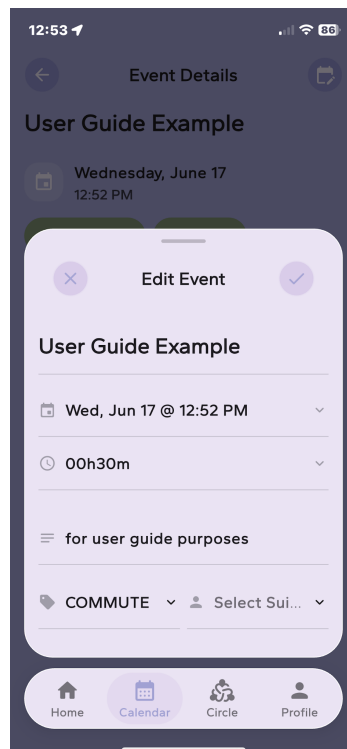
COMMUTE 30 min

Description
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Address
Concordia University ER Building, RBC Royal Bank of Canada, Rue Guy, Montreal, QC, Montreal

Delete Event

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Event Details

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Wednesday, June 17
12:52 PM

Edit Event

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Wed, Jun 17 @ 12:52 PM

00h30m

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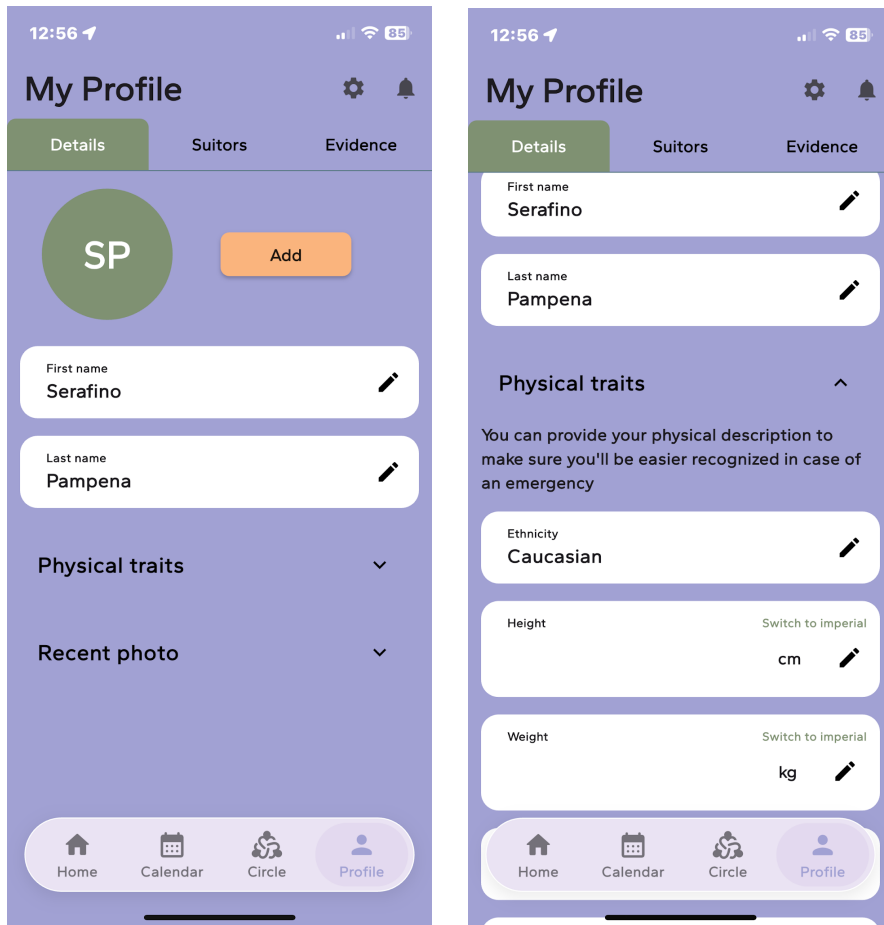
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8. My Profile

Tap the profile icon in the navigation bar to open your profile.

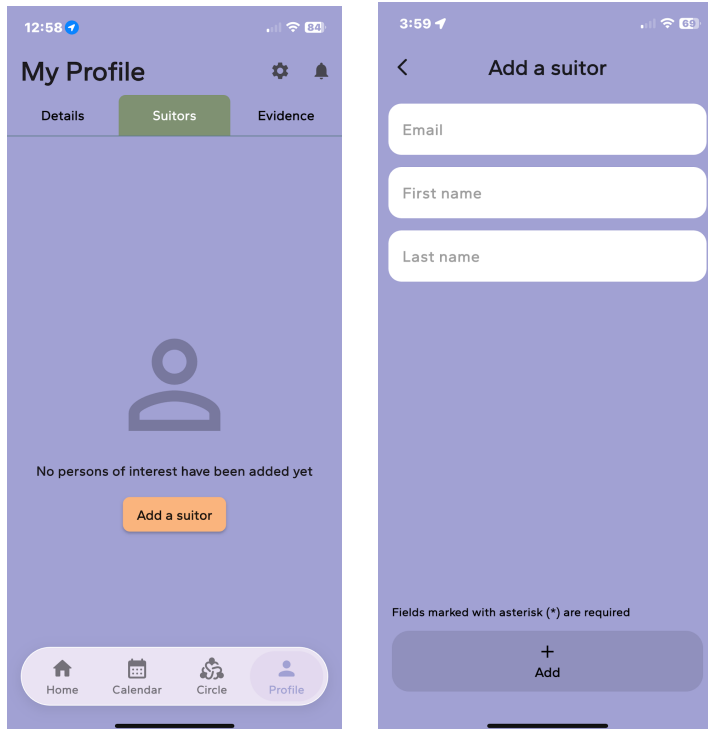
Details Tab

Shows your personal information: name, email, bio, and profile photo. Tap your avatar to update your photo.



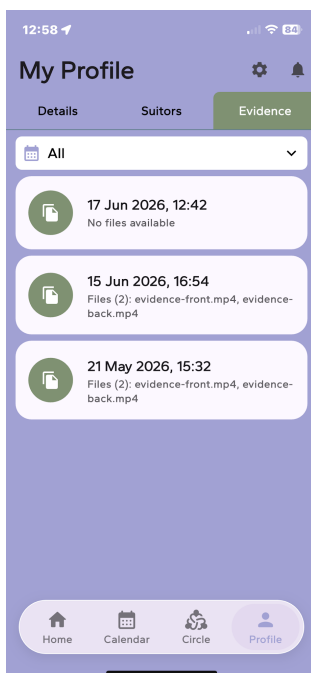
Suitors Tab

Lists people you've added as your suitor(s), who you've shared/ planned to share experiences in real life (such as dates).



Evidence Tab

All your Digital Witness recordings, audio clips, and photos from past incidents. Tap any item to view, play, or listen. Each file shows the date, time, and location it was recorded.



Settings and Notifications

Two icon buttons appear in the profile header:

- Bell icon —> opens your Notifications centre (with a red badge for unread alerts).
- Gear icon —> opens Settings.

9. Notifications

The Notifications screen shows all alerts and messages from the app.

Types of Notifications

Type	Description
Panic alert	Someone in your circle has triggered a panic and needs your help.
System message	App updates, invitation acceptances, and other general alerts.

Reading Notifications

Open Notifications from the bell icon on your Profile. Unread notifications show a red dot and are marked as read when you open the screen.

Notifications from today show the time (e.g., 3:42 PM). Older notifications show the date and time.

Deleting Notifications

Swipe a notification to the left to delete it.

10. Settings

Open Settings from the gear icon on your Profile.

Option	Description
Privacy Policy	View the app's privacy policy.
Terms of Service	View the terms of use.
Log Out	Sign out of your account. A confirmation dialog appears before you are logged out.

The app version and build number are shown at the bottom of the Settings screen.

11. Quick Reference

I want to...	Go to...
Send an emergency alert	Home screen → red Panic button
Respond to a panic	Tap the notification → Respond
Record video/audio evidence	Home screen → blue Digital Witness button
Add someone to my circle	My Circle → + Add button
View my recordings	My Profile → Evidence tab
Add a calendar event	My Calendar → + button
View notifications	My Profile → bell icon
Change settings / log out	My Profile → gear icon → Settings

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