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IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

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How can I ever unsee the gruesome accident I witnessed at Yaba Phase 2 on my way to my Aunt’s place last month. A young lady had been hit by a speeding vehicle and immediately, everyone gathered around her. Some filmed the scene, others were shouting but I noticed a young lady tried to make calls to an emergency service but to no avail.

All the way I kept pondering what would happen to the almost lifeless lady. I kept asking myself if the emergency numbers went through from the man’s end because my aunt and I tried a few we saw online but they were all unresponsive at that moment. This led me to wishing we had some security device that can give alerts straight to the emergency centres. So, if I could invent something new, it would be a Smart Safe Pass Wristband.

This wristband works by alerting assigned security authorities like the Nigeria National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Nigerian Police Force (NPF), and our loved ones in any emergency situation we might find ourselves. This would heighten our sense of security and confidence. Due to the pressing insecurity issue, specifically kidnappings and banditry in Nigeria, the safe pass would work for all types of emergencies.

This wristband will have special features like:

1)Panic Button (Mayday): This button is to alert the police force around the wearer’s location.

2)Location Finder: It uses GPS (Navigation system) to find the wearer’s exact location on the map.

3)Secret Code: It is a special safekey that only the wearer knows. This is a password used to keep the wristband inaccessible to others using it by mistake or on purpose.

4)Danger Alert(Alert eye): It alerts the wearer with a vibration if the wearer is going towards a danger labelled zone.

5)Help Connector: This button will call out for help on behalf of the wearer. The connector will serve as a cry for help during emergencies that are critical but not life-threatening.

If the lady in the accident had this band on, the response to her emergency case would be quicker and as such, the rate of possible demise would be minimal. Also, passersby were reluctant to help due to the rigorous process of getting the victim to proper healthcare and also due to the avoidance of being tagged a prime suspect in the crime. In this manner, the lives of many Nigerians have been lost.

The safe pass wristband would be called a Guardian band. The Guardian band is not just a device but a promise to safeguard your wellbeing. It’s a companion that ensures security and increases peace of mind.

Join me in making safety in Nigeria a top priority, and together let's create a brighter, better and more secure future for all citizens of Nigeria.