

Siri Saves Lives

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Every generation or two there is an advancement in technology, that is majorly significant and changes the foundation, direction, and momentum of society. For example, the car, telephone, airplane, television, personal computers, and the internet have all dramatically changed and shifted the structure of the modern society, this has allowed an opening for possibilities that were all ideas before and is now creating a dramatic shift in what the future will have access to. The latest technological advancement to have a major impact of the society was the iPhone, this device has the entirety of the worlds knowledge a finger touch away, it radically reduces time to discover the news and current events in mere seconds and has spawned the ever-growing platform of social media into our everyday lives. But Apple didn't plan on changing society but to revolutionize the phone.

Where did Siri begin?

In early 2007 Apple released the very first iPhone of many to come, this phone

revolutionized the world and how we saw technology. Further on into 2010 a new feature to the updates was added to the iPhone, the iOS update saw a voice-activated feature, Siri. In October 2011 Apple release the iPhone 4s that had a main feature which was Siri built into the device this was the beginning of a feature in Apple's technology that brought so many positive outcomes to our lives today.

What is Siri?

Siri is a built-in device that is voice-controlled to assist the Apple user, the idea behind it is that you would talk to her as you would to a friend, and she aims to help and complete tasks for you, Apple has implemented short cuts to help uses in situation of need and these have saved lives. Some of these sayings are: "Hey Siri, call 000", "Hey Siri, call ambulance", "Hey Siri, call emergency services" and "Hey Siri, 17", and they have also thought of the users in situations where you can't speak and have to call for help, Emergency SOS is activated when the volume button

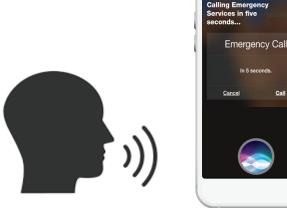


and the power button are held until the bar appears that you swipe for help, the second purpose also locks your TouchID so no one can access the information on your phone at the time of activating Emergency SOS.

How can Siri amongst other applications, save your life?

Along with the short cut features Apple has put into Siri, there also apps that we can download which can help us with problems we know may cause a potential accident or situation that needs to be alerted. Apps such as Instant Heart Rate. Glucose Buddy, Health Tap, and Stress Check Pro assist with keeping us up to date with issues that may arise. These apps keep your information and contacts in their databases and if you are in a situation where you are having a potential heart attack it can be monitored through the app, some applications can link to your Apple watch this is also another form of tracking your health, an alert from a

change in heart rate on the watch can trigger alerts linked on your phone, this will send a message to the emergency contacts listed and services such as 000.



Has Siri saved a life?

In May 2019 Alishan Mahmood collapsed in the kitchen smashing his face on a pint glass he was caring at the time, he was unable to get up as he had blurred vision and blood all over his face, he used the shortcut of "Hey Siri" which he then called his older sister for help. Siri allowed him to get out of a situation that nearly caused him to be blind.

Ever since 2010 Apple has provided a feature of growing technology to be a part of the world, Siri has provided a platform that now allows Apple users to get the necessary needed help in any kind of situation they are in, and yes this feature has done more than assist but has saved lives.

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