

# BUOY



## **Buoy can be used by:**

- ❖ Victims of domestic violence,
- ❖ Neighborhood associations and peer support groups,
- ❖ and many more....

## **How can BUOY be used to protect victims of domestic violence?**

- ❖ Victims in crisis can communicate immediately with one or more trusted friends, family members, and advocates.
- ❖ Victims can access non-emergency private communication with experts and friends to plan their escape.
- ❖ Buoy can continuously track a victim's location (via GPS) in emergency situations.
- ❖ Victims can use Buoy to set up a "Safe Call" by scheduling a future alert.
- ❖ Shelters can provide Buoy to new arrivals or those leaving.
- ❖ Healthcare providers can refer patients to Buoy.
- ❖ Concerned friends and family members can encourage victims to install Buoy.

## *A private, community-based*

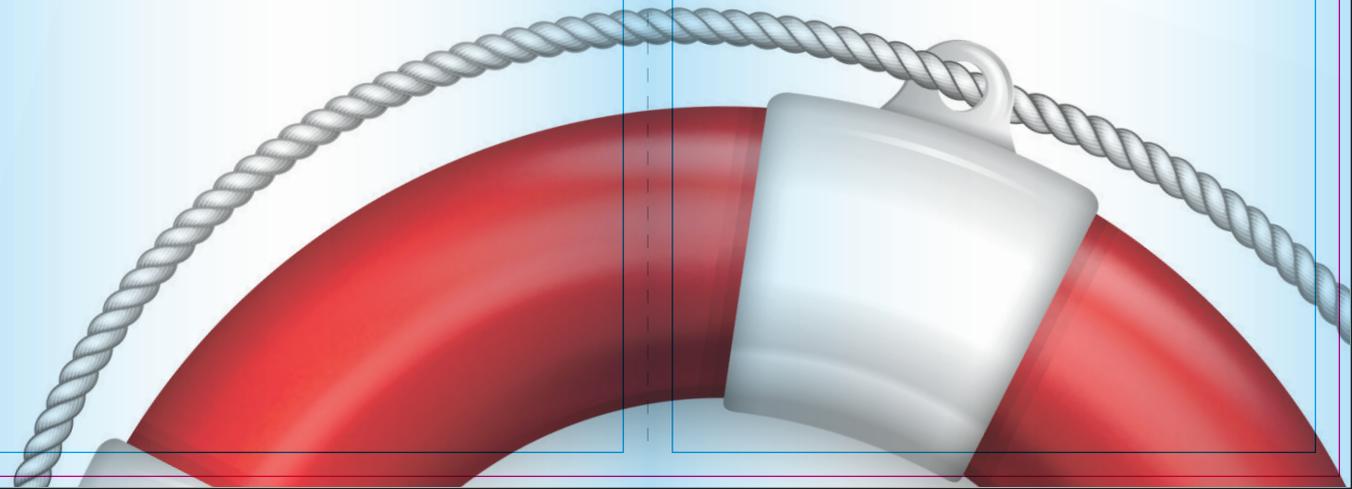
### **What makes Buoy safe?**

- ❖ Designed with the highest level of user discovery prevention.
- ❖ User has total control over who will or will not receive their alerts.
- ❖ Built as a mobile web application. (No software to download!)
- ❖ Buoy leaves very little trace of use on victim's device.
- ❖ Software hosting by many organizations, rather than one central provider, makes all Buoy's less vulnerable to malicious attacks.
- ❖ Follows best practices as defined by the NNEDV's tech safety guidelines for implementers at [techsafety.org](http://techsafety.org).
- ❖ Privacy-respecting features paramount.

## *crisis response system*



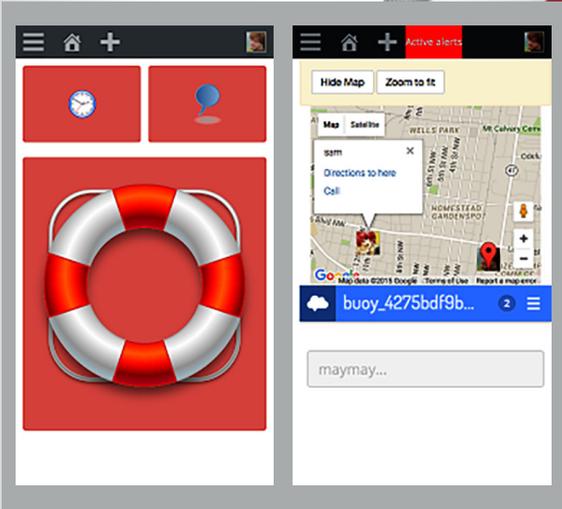
**Buoy** is built by the **Better Angels collective**, who believe that in situations where traditional emergency services are not available, reliable, trustworthy, or sufficient, communities can come together to aid each other in times of need. In the spirit of **software development as direct action**, we design, develop, and deploy free software intended to have the maximum social impact, using the minimum lines of code, as quickly as possible. Original development for Buoy was supported by the September 2015 Tech for Justice and New Mexico Legal Aid event to build technology-based justice tools around the issue of domestic violence. A beta version of Buoy is currently available for non-emergency demonstration and testing.





*A private, community-based crisis response system*

**By installing a Buoy** on your organization's website, you can equip your community with a highly customizable, victim-centered, emergency dispatch system. The software can be used by groups of any size, ranging from national organizations like the **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)** to local community groups and shelters. The more groups who deploy a Buoy, the safer our communities become.



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### How to Contribute

 **Donate at:**  
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 **Translate at:**  
[transifex.com/cyberbusking/buoy](http://transifex.com/cyberbusking/buoy)

 **Documentation at:**  
[github.com/meitar/better-angels/wiki](http://github.com/meitar/better-angels/wiki)

 **Code at:**  
[github.com/meitar/better-angels](http://github.com/meitar/better-angels)

For more information about Buoy, visit [techforjustice.org](http://techforjustice.org) and follow the links to Buoy informational and collaboration portals.



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**Buoy** is a new software tool designed for victims in need of emergency assistance. In a crisis situation, Buoy users can augment (or replace) a 911 call with a Buoy Alert, instantly notifying their personally-selected network of friends, allies, and advocates of their location and crisis details. Most importantly, a shared Incident Map allows these trusted responders **to coordinate with each other** in real-time, in order to best assist the crisis victim.