

## Case Study – Six Minute Rescue



# Skyguard rescues attack victim in just six minutes...

It's near midnight in a secluded urban street when a group of youths surround a man, beat him to the ground and then carry on kicking. What they didn't know was that their victim had set off his Skyguard personal safety device - and that the Police would arrive to pick them up in just six minutes.

The victim was a witness in a murder trial who, to protect him against potential intimidation, had been lent a Skyguard device by his local Police force. To support the palm-sized device, his details had also been stored confidentially in the computer system at Skyguard's Incident Management Centre so that he could be identified if necessary and the preset procedure followed. The attack itself appeared to have no connection to the case.

In those vital six minutes, the activated device sent an alarm to the Skyguard Incident Management Centre whose Controllers immediately contacted the Police Area Control Room. They passed details on to them including the identity of the person activating the alarm, their exact location and incident information they could hear on the audio link from the device.

Police patrols went straight to the scene, thanks to the location reference given by Skyguard which was accurate to within five metres. Consequently the victim suffered only minor head injuries: there is every likelihood that he would have received severe injuries had it not been for such a swift response from all involved.

Lord Dear, former Chief Constable of the West Midlands Police Force said, '*This is a graphic example of the way in which Skyguard's technology can help both police and public at a time of increased violence.*'

“ *This is a great piece of kit – ideal for domestic violence cases and witness intimidation. I have seen on two occasions now how the seamless exchange of information following an activation results in an extremely quick response.* ”

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