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Each Secondary School

***Re: Request to have students populate emergency contact details on their personal phones and consider downloading a trusted find my phone app.***

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An Garda Síochána have recently launched a campaign to encourage people to populate emergency contact details on their phones and download a trusted find my phone application. The feedback has been very positive particularly among younger adults. We are now seeking each school to support this campaign by highlighting the benefits to your students and school staff.

The benefits include the following:

- should you become incapacitated your emergency contact details on your phone can be accessed even when your phone is locked providing key medical information and/or contact details for your emergency person contact.
- should your phone be lost or stolen the emergency contact details will enable the school staff (if found in school) or Gardaí if handed into An Garda Síochána return the phone to the owner. There are no GDPR issues as the data is not shared but only available on your phone.

Attached is a short video guide on how to populate the emergency contact details on your phone. The video is also available on the Garda website at the following link: <https://www.garda.ie!/HGN1DU>.

We are also encouraging students to download a trusted “Find my Device” app, this has proved invaluable in locating lost or stolen phones. A short video is attached on how to download an app onto your phone. Your involvement is entirely voluntary but would be much appreciated. It takes just a minute to set up emergency contact details.

This campaign has been highlighted across our social media platforms, please feel free to tag us in images demonstrating your schools support for the campaign and use the campaign hashtags #streetwise and #helpushelpyou.

If you need any further clarification guidance on this campaign please contact [corporate.communications@garda.ie](mailto:corporate.communications@garda.ie).

In anticipation of your support, many thanks.

Regards.

  
*John Ferris* Superintendent  
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