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Current Product Details

App Name

TigerSafe

Developer Name

AppArmor

www.apparmor.com

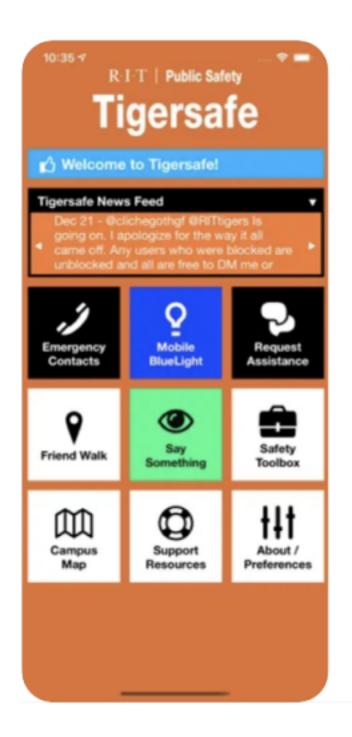
Description

Tigersafe is the official safety app of Rochester Institute of Technology. It is the only app that integrates with RIT's safety and security systems. RIT Public Safety has worked to develop a unique app that provides students, faculty and staff with added safety on the RIT campus. The app will send you important safety alerts and provide instant access to campus safety resources.

Main Feature

- Mobile Bluelight: Send your location to RIT security in real-time in case of a crisis.
- Emergency Contacts: Contact the correct services for the RIT area in case of an emergency or a non-emergency concern.
- Tip Reporting: Multiple ways to report a safety/security concern directly to RIT Public Safety, or request assistance from Public Safety.
- Friend Walk: Ask a friend to monitor your location as you walk home.
- Safety notifications: Receive instant notifications and instructions from campus safety when on-campus emergencies occur.
- Chat with Security: Communicate live with safety staff at RIT via chat.
- Campus Map: Find your way around campus!
- Campus safety resources: access all important safety resources in one convenient app.





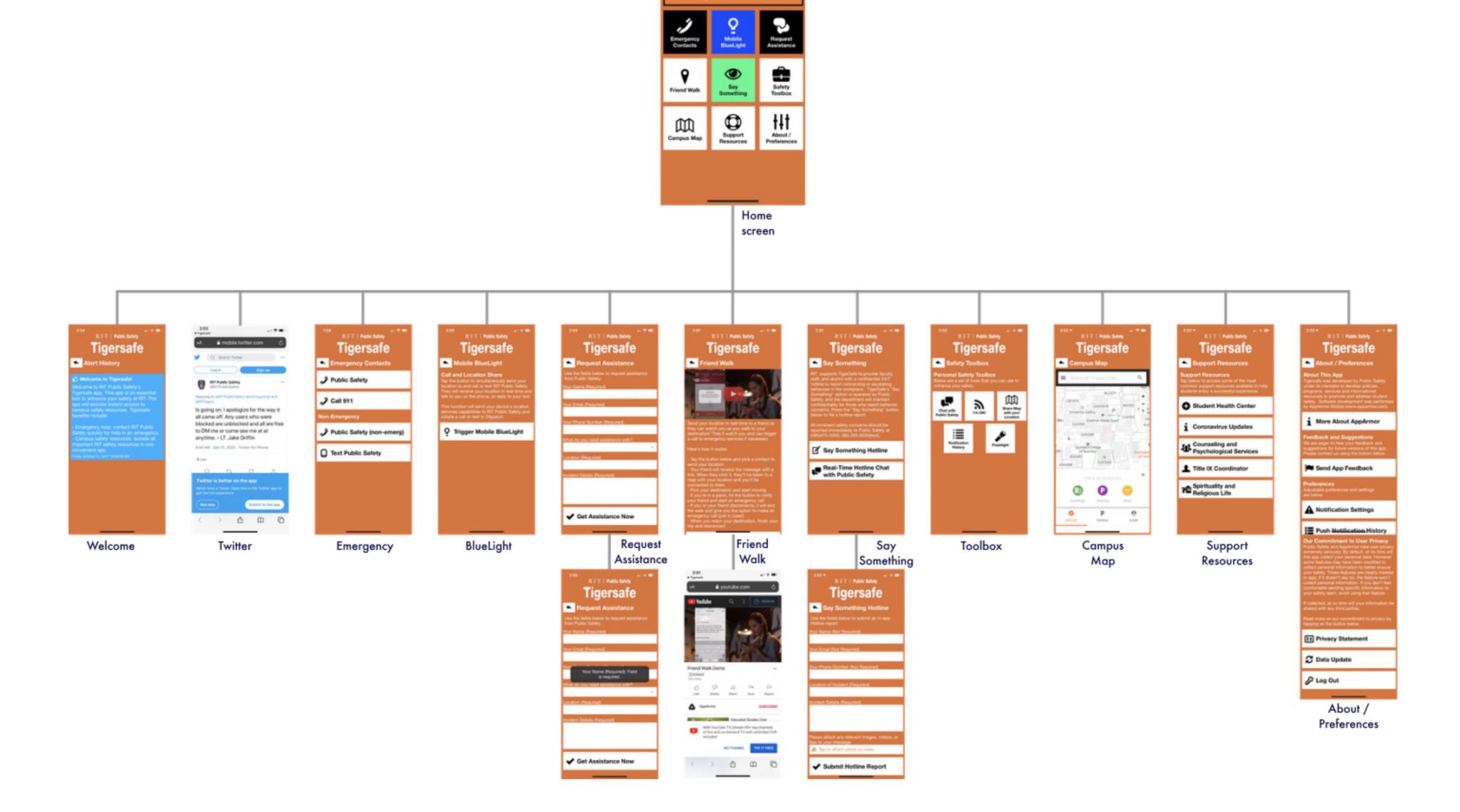




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Current Product Details

Structure



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Tigersafe

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Heuristic Evaluation - Principle

The heuristic evaluation is conducted based Jakob Nielsen's 10 Usability Heuristics for User Interface Design, which are listed below and will be employed in the following analysis.

#1: Visibility of system status

- Clear current status without informing users
- Immediate feedback
- Build trust through open and continuous communication

#2: Match between system and the real world

- Users can understand without looking up definition
- No assumption
- Conduct user research to uncover users' familiar terminology

#3: User control and freedom

- Undo & redo
- Cancel button
- Exit

#4: Consistency and standards

- Improve learnability by maintaining internal and external consistency
 - Internal consistency: maintain stability within the product
 - External consistency: follow industry conventions

#5: Error prevention

- Prioritize effort: high-cost error > little frustrations
- Avoid slips
- provide constraints
- good defaults
- Removing memory burdens, supporting undo, warning

#6: Recognition rather than recall

- Recognize rather than remember
- Offer help in context
- Reduce the information that users have to remember

#7: Flexibility and efficiency of use

- Provide accelerators, eg. keyboard shortcuts and touch gestures
- Provide personalizations by tailoring content and functionality for individual users
- Allow for customization

#8: Aesthetic and minimalist design

- Content focus on the essentials
- No unnecessary elements
- Prioritize the content and features

#9: Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors

- Traditional error message visuals, eg. bold, red text
- Tell users what went wrong in understandable language
- Offer users a solution

#10: Help and documentation

- Easy to search help documentation
- Present documentation in context right at the moment
- List concrete steps

Page	Problem	Usability Heuristics	Solution
1 Home Screen	Weird color	Pros	Change the color
	 Several useless function buttons Hard to remember all the buttons 	#1 Easy to know it's home screen	Remove and rearrange the buttons
		Cons #6 Recognition rather than recall #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	
2 Welcome	Redundant function Too much text	Pros #1 Easy to see "Welcome to TigherSafe"	Either delete or weaken the banner
	 Doesn't need to be emphasized. To some extent, users may feel pleasant seeing 	#3 Obvious Exit button	
	welcome text. However, when users are in dangerous situation, it's better to keep the home screen neat.	Cons #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	
3 New Feed	Unnecessary Why would users want to check out twitter when he/she feels unsafe walking on campus?	Pros #1 Easy to notice it's twitter #3 ObviousExit button	• Remove
		Cons	
		#7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	

Page	Problem	Usability Heuristics	Solution
4 Emergency Contacts	Bad layout	Pros: #1 Clear to see where I am, which is call 911 etc. #3 Obvious Exit button #4 Consistency and standard Cons: #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	 Redesign layout. Use different color to separate emergency and non-emergency contacts or split the contacts into two parts, which is emergency contacts and non-emergency contacts.
5 Mobile BlueLight	Too much text Logo doesn't match real facility	Pros: #2 Match between real world and the system #3 Obvious Exit button Cons: #5 Error prevention #6 Recognition rather than recall #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	Delete inessential information Redesign logo
6 Request Assistance	 Too much text Duplicated function Error warning is not clear enough 	Pros: #2 Match between real world and the system #3 Obvious Exit button Cons: #4 Consistency and standard #5 Error prevention #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design #9 Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors	Combine this page to "Text Public Safety"

Page	Problem	Usability Heuristics	Solution
7 Friend Walk	 Too much text Hard to understand what is "Friend Walk". Moreover, there is a video to watch outside of this app. When you click on the link, this video is muted as default setting. Should I listen to the sound of instruction or not? 	Pros #3 Obvious Exit button Cons #1 Visibility of system status #2 Doesn't match between system and real world #4 Consistency and standard #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	 Delete inessential information Change it to video call and move it under non-emergency contacts
8 Say Something	Duplicated function Too much text	Pro #2 Match between real world and the system #3 Obvious Exit button Cons #4 Consistency and standard #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	• Remove
9 Safety Toolbox	 Duplicated function of "Chat with Public Safety" while having the function of calling 911 and Public Safety already. Function "I'm OK!" makes no sense. A cancel button under calling is enough. Duplicated function of "Share Map with your location." Can put this under "Campus Map" "Notification History" is a secondary information. Can be moved to settings-notification history. 	Pros #3 Obvious Exit button Cons #2 Doesn't match between system and real world #4 Consistency and standard #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use	 Remove "Chat with Public Safety" Add cancel button under calling Move "Share Map with your location" under "Campus Map"

Page	Problem	Usability Heuristics	Solution
10 Campus Map	 Primary and secondary information should be clearer and lessened Color doesn't match. Parking logo is purple. After clicking on parking, the areas show green on the map. 	Pros #2 Match between real world and the system #3 Obvious Exit button Cons #4 Consistency and standard #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use	 Simplify the process of using map Delete unnecessary functions Keep design consistent and easy to understand
11 Support Resources	 Too much text "Title IX Coordinator" is difficult for international users to understand "Spirituality and Religious Life" function can be moved to non-emergency contacts 	Pros #3 Obvious Exit button Cons #2 Doesn't match between system and real world #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	 Shorten function name Change strange function name Rearrange "Support Resources" to either emergency contacts("Student Health Care", "Coronavirus Updates") or non-emergency contacts("Counseling and Psychological Services", "Spirituality and Religious Life")
12 About/Preferences	Too much text	Pros #3 Obvious Exit button Cons #7 Flexibility and efficiency of use #8 Aesthetic and minimalist design	Delete inessential information Move these to "Settings"

Competitive Analysis - Part 1

Competitive analysis was conducted among other college's safety mobile applications and other safety-oriented applications on the market. Part 1 indicates other college's safety mobile applications' special features. Part 2 portrays other safety-oriented applications' features.



Emergency Procedures

Travel Safe

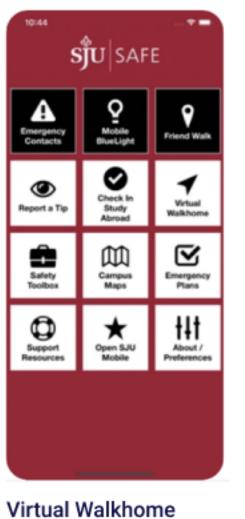


Emergency Procedures

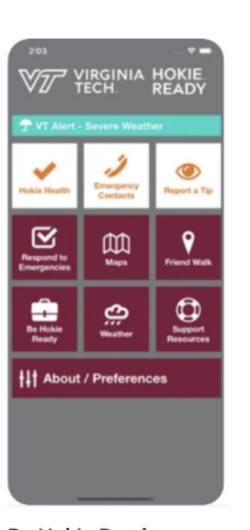




Work Alone Take Action Guides



Emergency Plans



Be Hokie Ready Weather



Take Action Guides

Weather

Director and Services



Changes During Covid-19 Period

Daily Symptom Check

Testing Kit

Work Alone

Conclusion

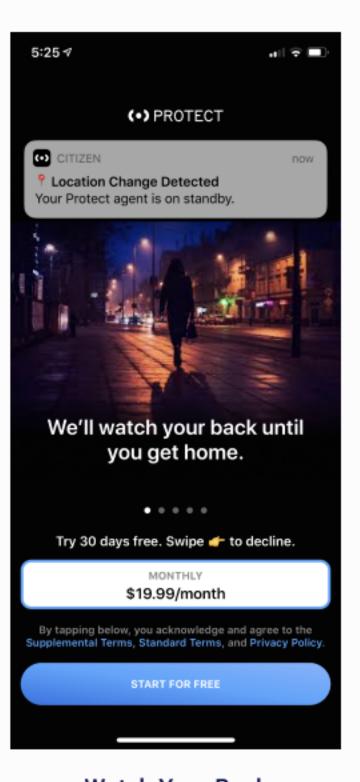
Safety apps made by AppArmor are generally the same. Each one has a little difference. Owing to RIT's location, the "Extreme Weather" function will be added as a notification banner.

Competitive Analysis - Part 2

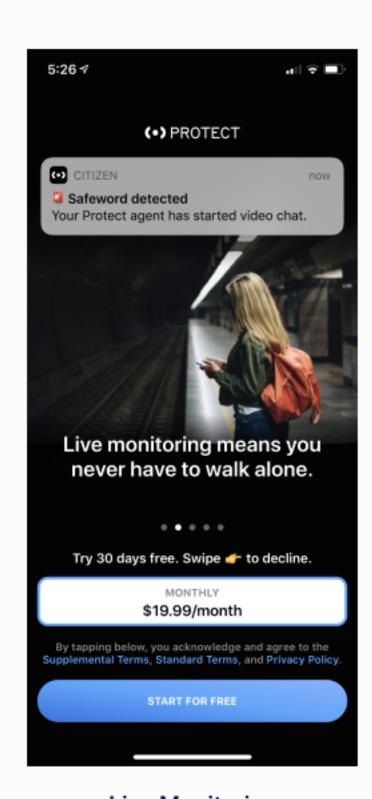
Citizen's primary features and analysis.



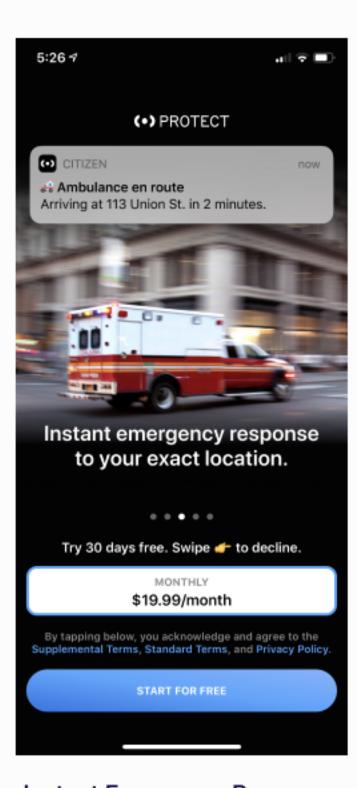
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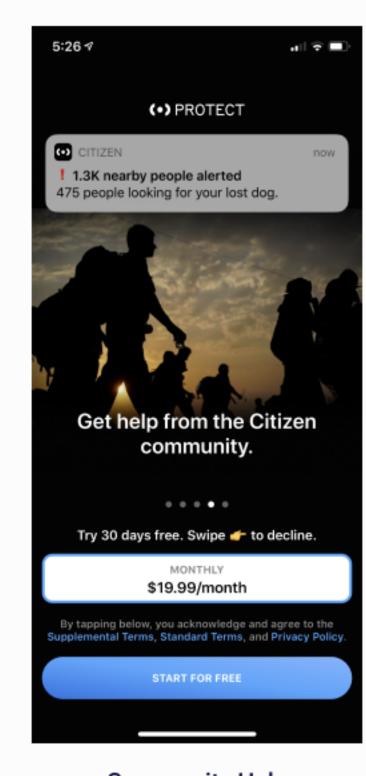
Watch Your Back



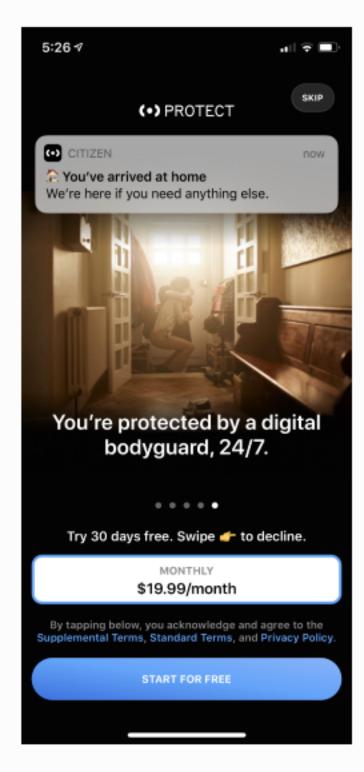
Live Monitoring



Instant Emergency Response



Community Help



24/7

Pros

Live monitoring user
Help to call ambulance and send location
Nearby covid trends can be checked

Cons

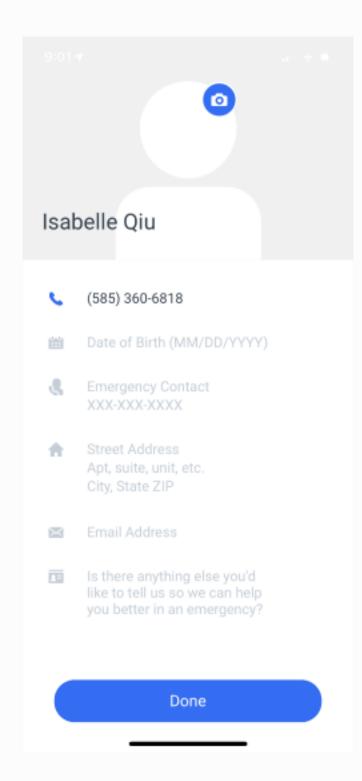
Not very useful if no other users nearby Cannot use "Get Help" function for free version Complicated home screen

Competitive Analysis - Part 2

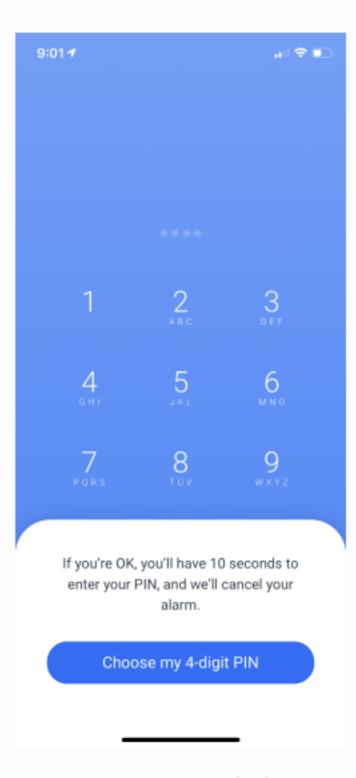
Noonlight's primary features and analysis.



Noonlight



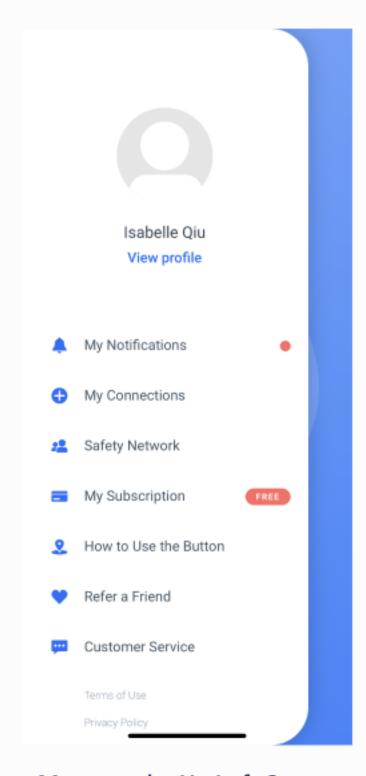
Emergency Contact



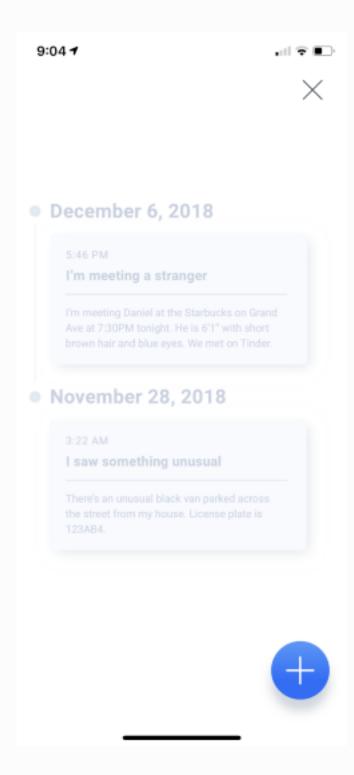
Tap PIN to Cancel Alarm



Hold Until Safe



Menu on the Up Left Corner



Timeline

Pros

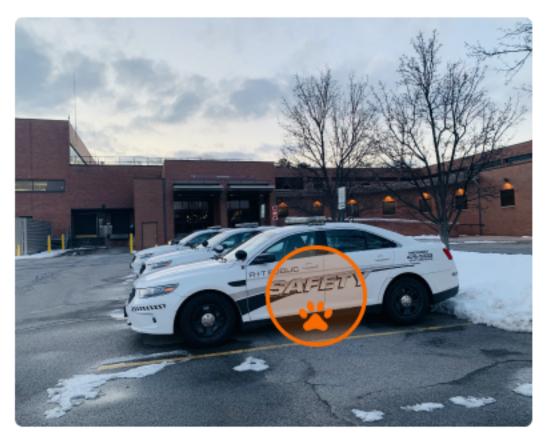
Emergency contact saved in profile
Clean UI
Keep secondary functions under menu
Check if user is safe when schedule saved

Cons

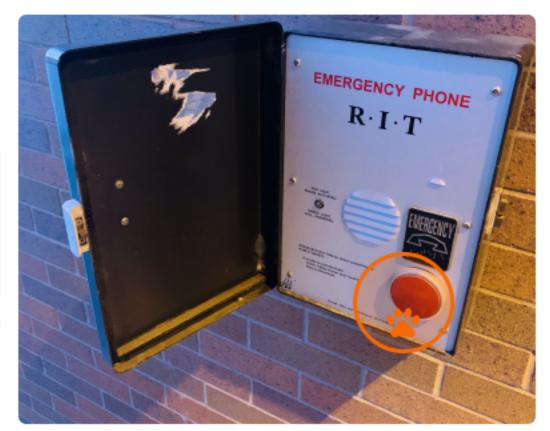
Easily miss-trigger the alarm Keep holding phone when unsafe is hard

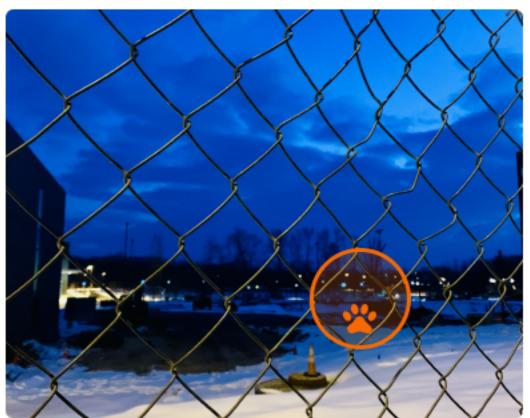
Field Observation

A field trip on Feburary 10th, 2021 at Rochester Institute of Technology was conducted in order to observe the safety facilities including Public Safety and BlueLight system.



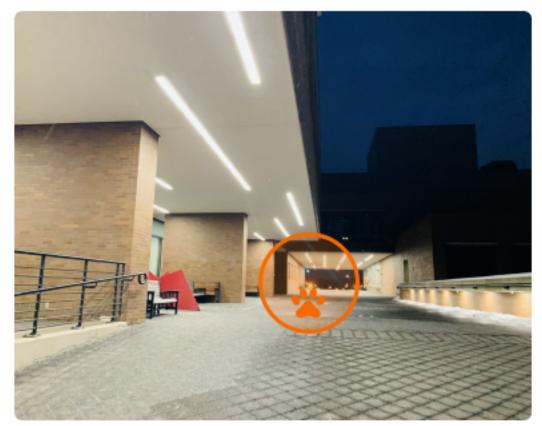


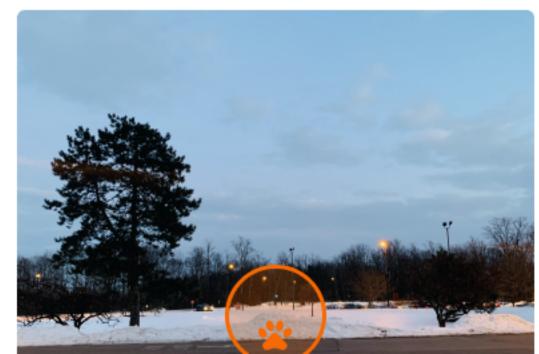


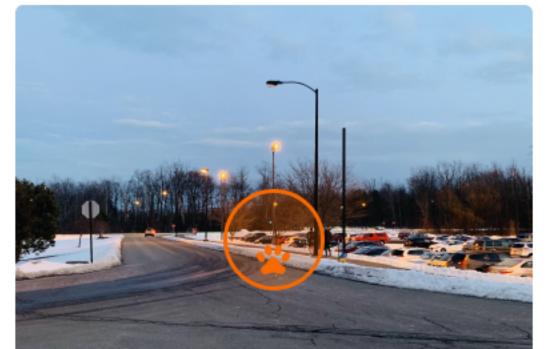












Conclusion

The BlueLight system is easy to follow. It will be kept as part of the functions under "Map" for students studying late at night to navigate.

Design Goal







Instant Safety

Both Emergency and Non-Urgent services are available to make sure each user is safe on campus no matter day and night.

Easy to Use

Functions on each screen will not exceed eight.

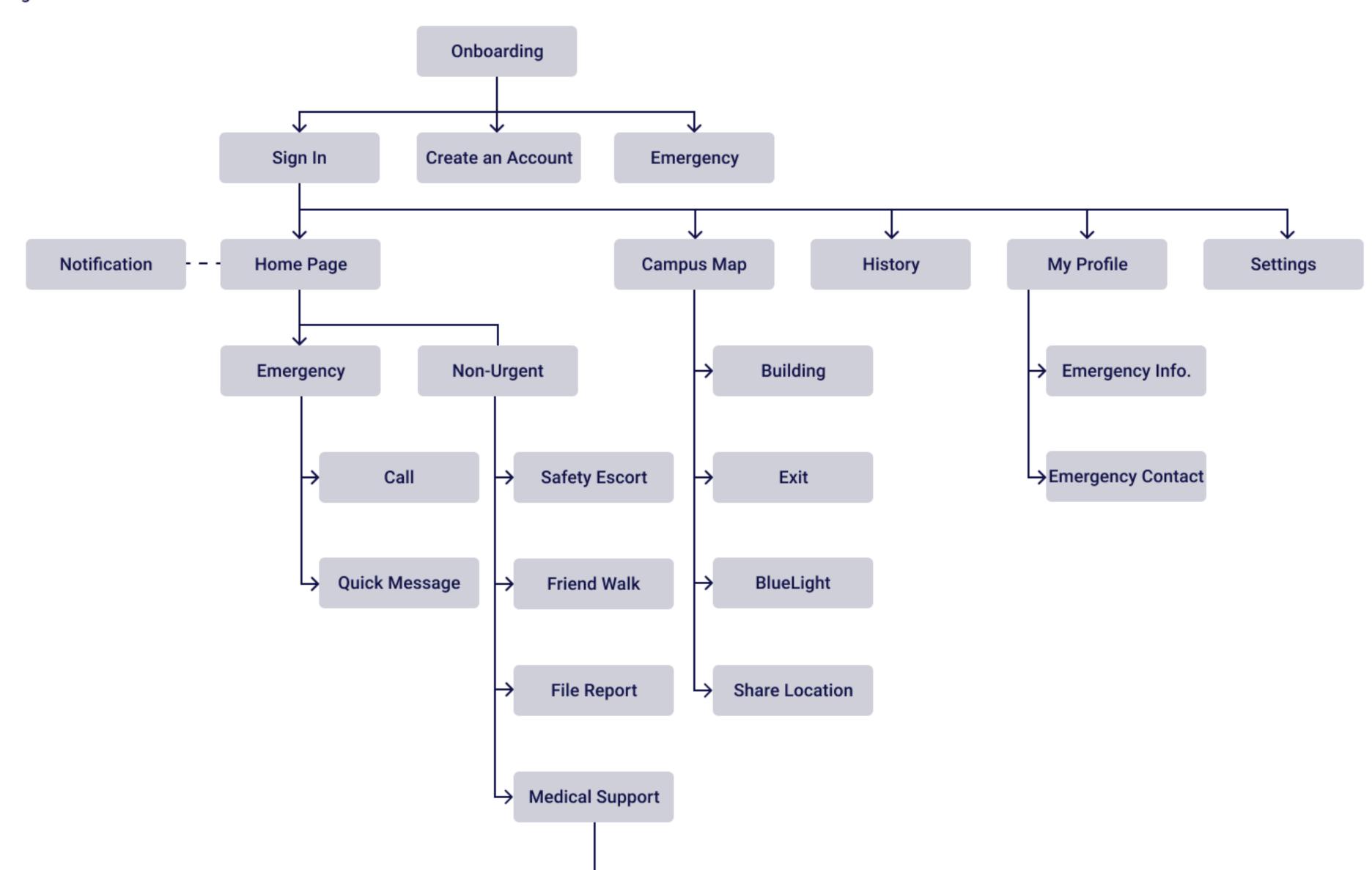
The process will also be designed as simple as it could in order to eliminate potential confusion from users.

Clean User Interfaces

Keep essential information and functions only.
Although the primary users are college students, family members who visit the campus are also welcomed to use. Therefore, no complicated images or usage introductions will be used in this app.

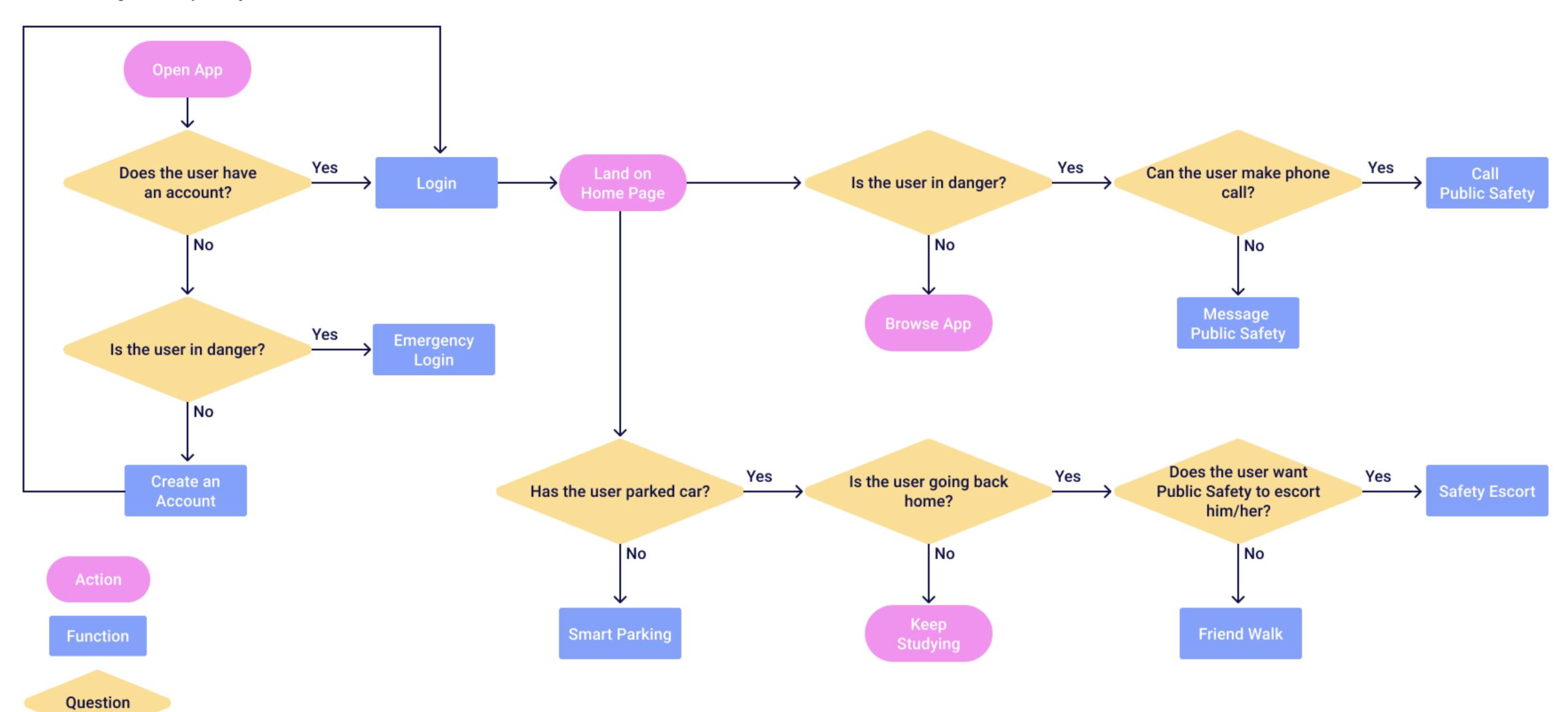
Function and Feature Scope

The primary function and feature scope of final design is illustrated as below.

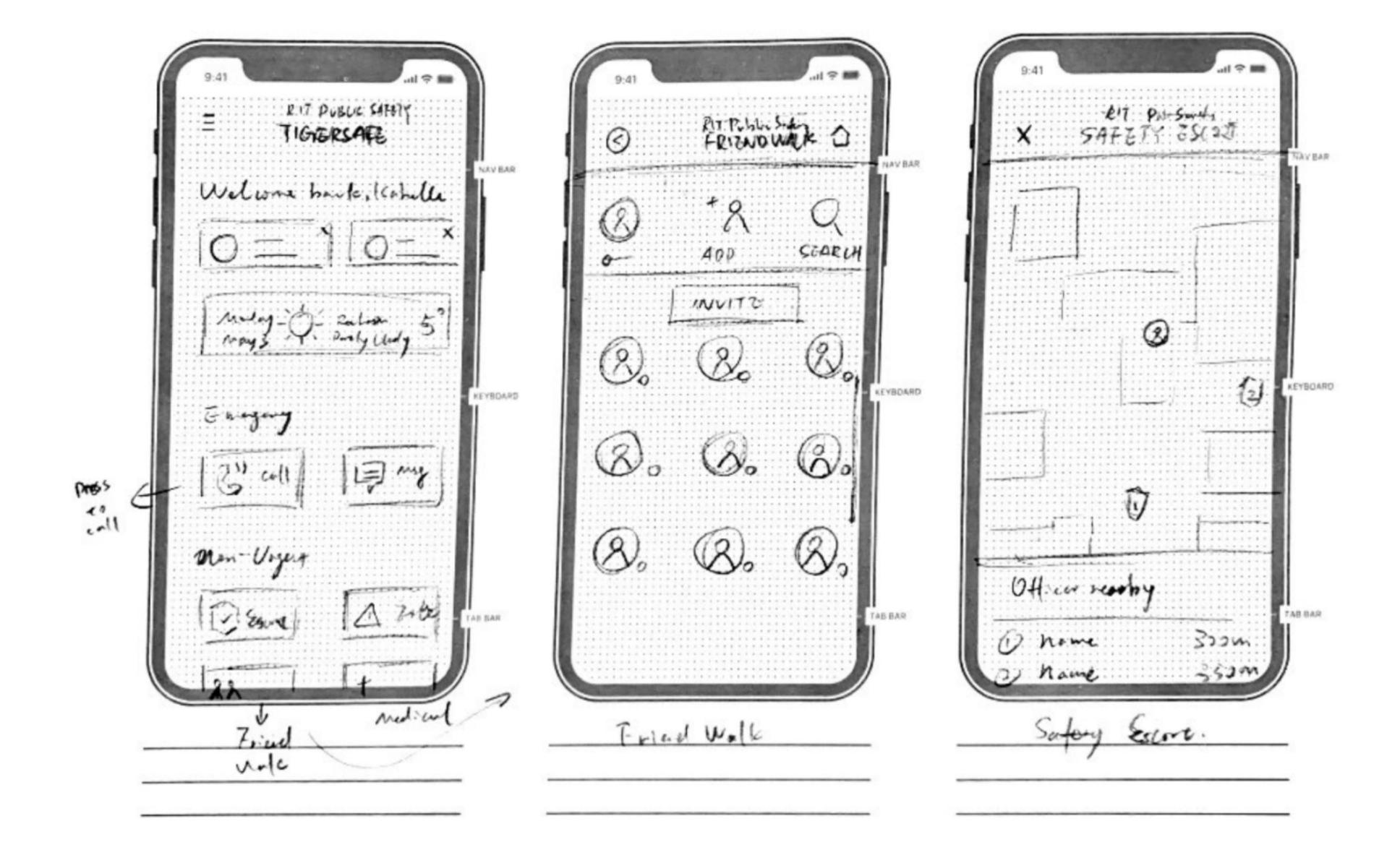


Workflow

Workflow diagrams for primary use cases are drawn as below.



Sketch



Mood Board

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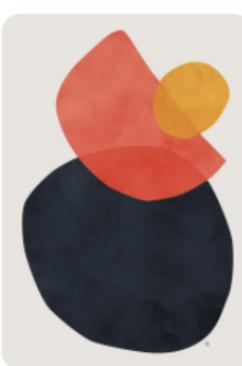
Clean

Sans-serif

Friendly

Simple

Straightforward



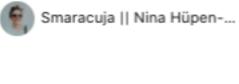
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Home X / Smart home application

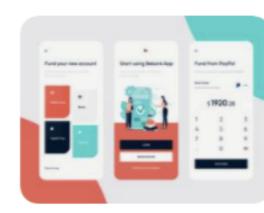


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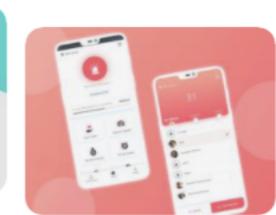
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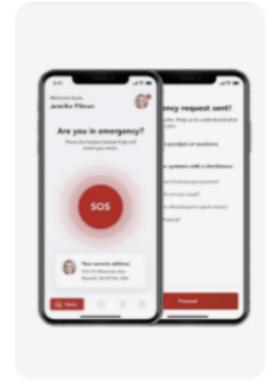
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Emergency App



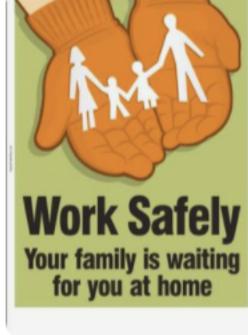
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'Paisley Squirrel' by Andy... Wayfair.ca





Work Safely

Style Board

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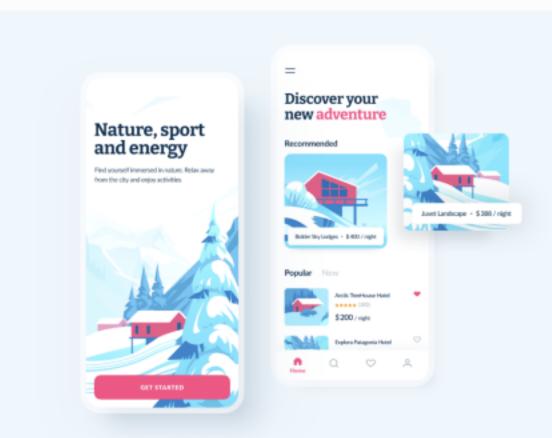
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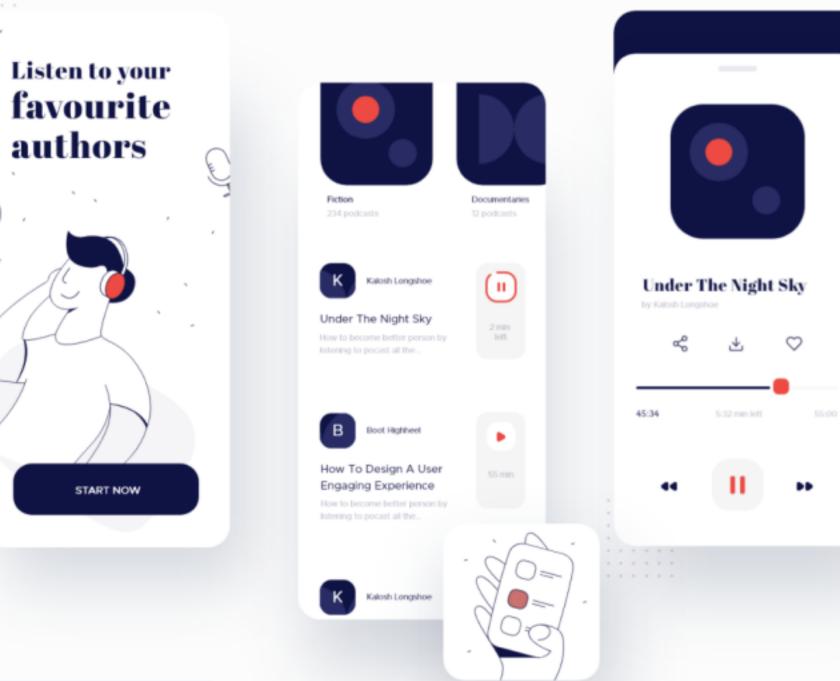
Navy and orange

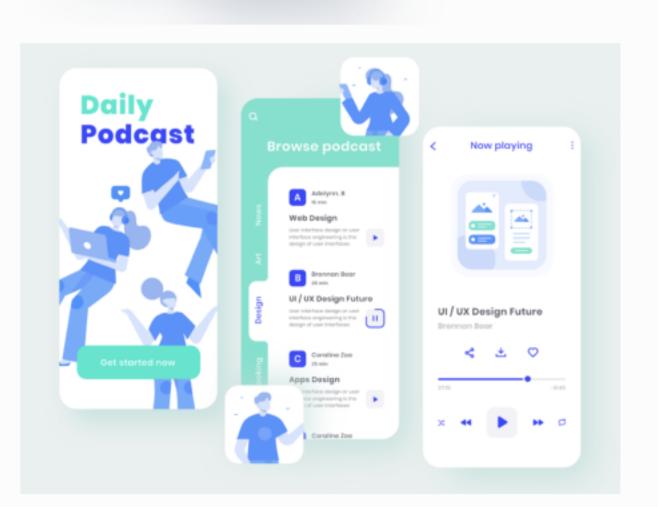
White space

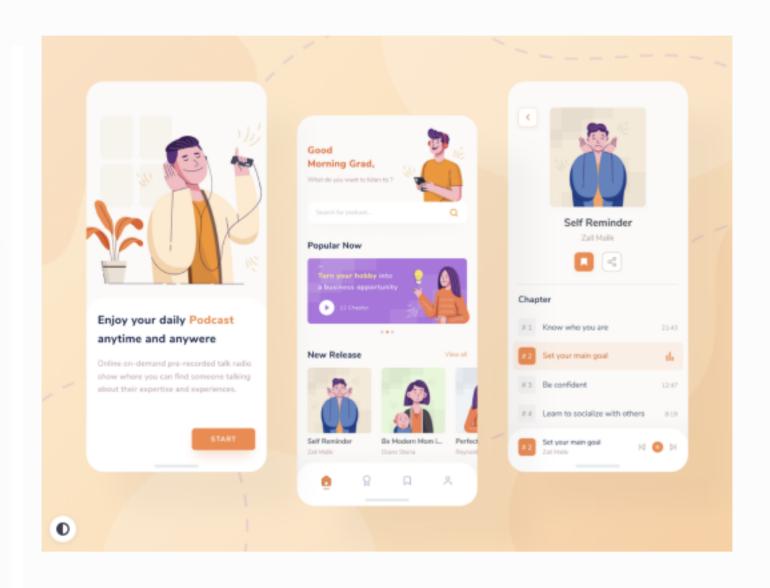
Clean layout

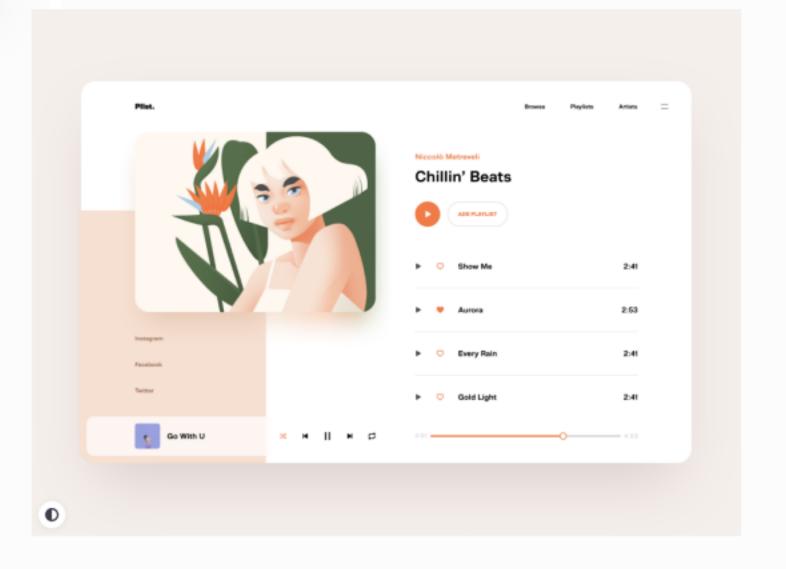
Simple icon











Visual Design 1

Navy(#101147) and orange(#F76902) colors are chosen as the key tone to make a strong contract but keep a clean appearance at the same time. The navy color keeps the users calm no matter there is an emergency or not. The orange color is RIT's brand color, which creates a close and familiar feel to the students and faculties.

Typography

Roboto Thin

Roboto Light

Roboto Regular

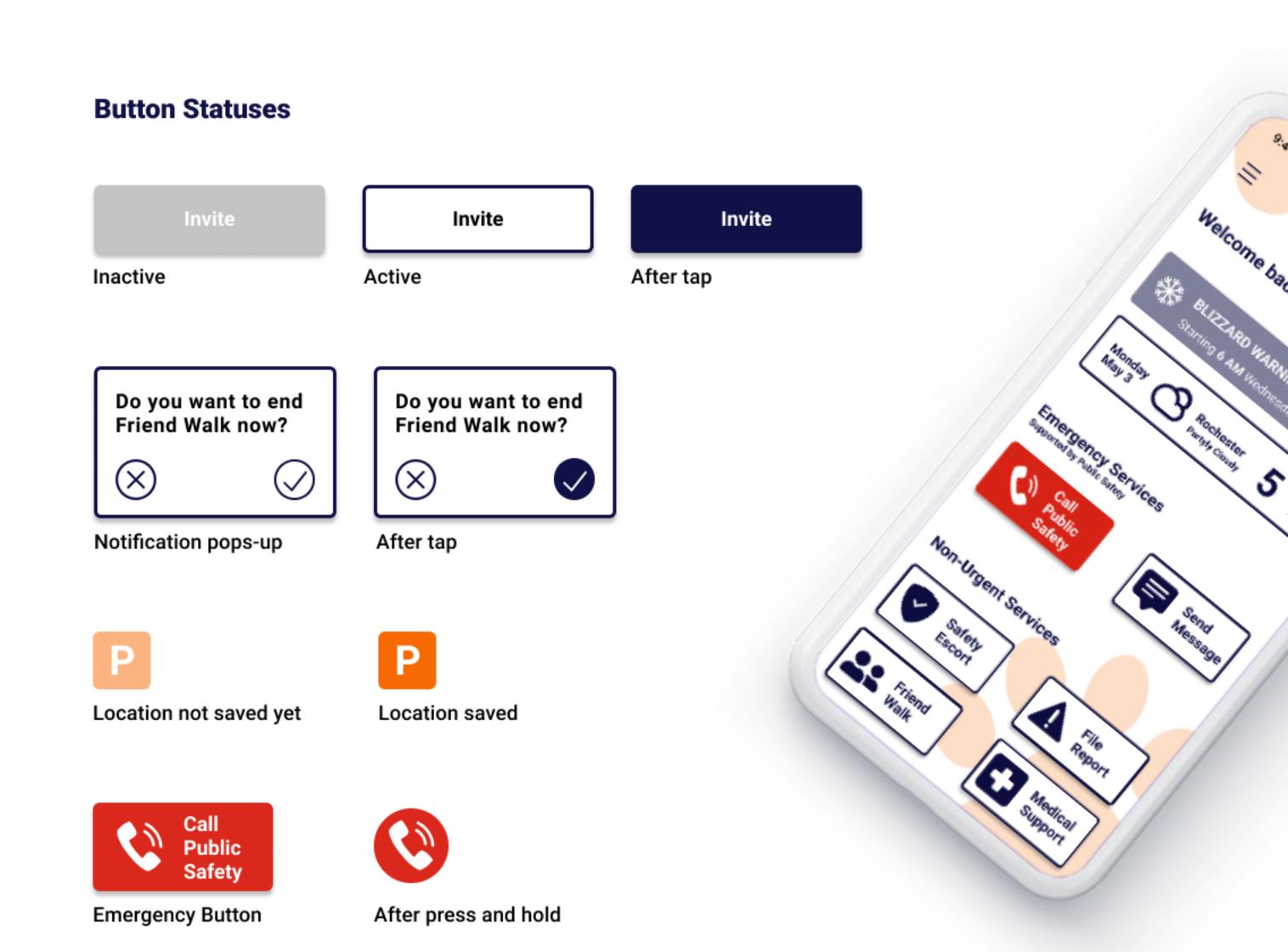
Roboto Medium

Roboto Bold

Roboto Black

Color





Visual Design 2

Frames, caps, and corners are all set as round to evoke feelings of friendly. 80% of the frames are filled with white and navy to keep as clean as possible. Red has applied restrictedly only for emergency use.

Widgets





Home Screen Icon

To align with the entire design style of the app, the home screen icon also maintains friendly, simple, clean, straightforward feelings. Complicated visual assets are avoided. Main elements are remained, including tiger, orange color, and clean impression.











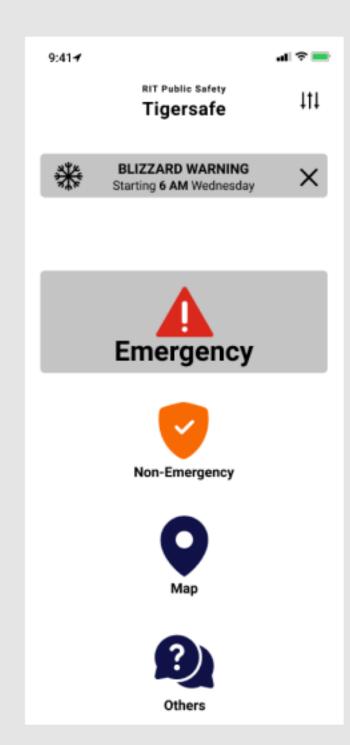


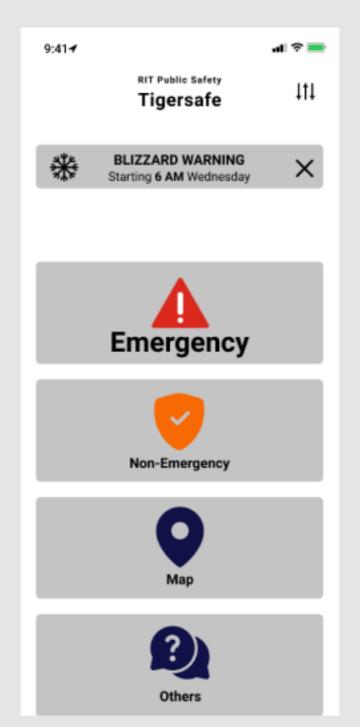


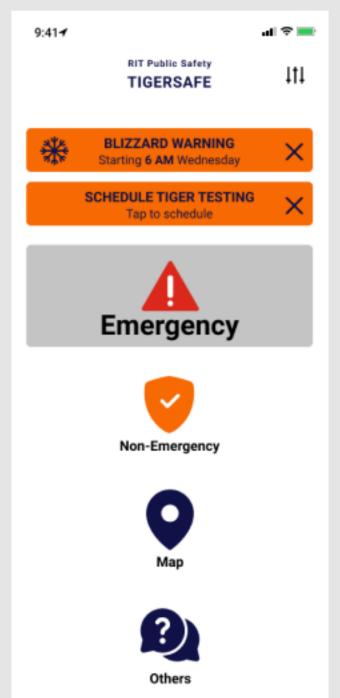


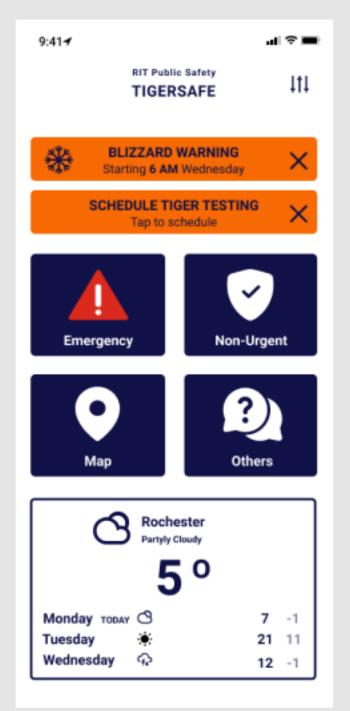
Screen Iteration

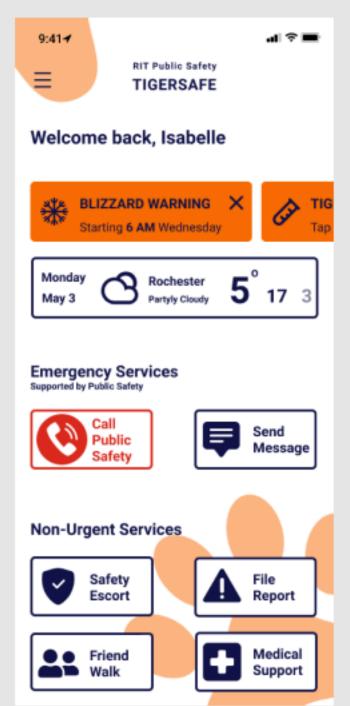
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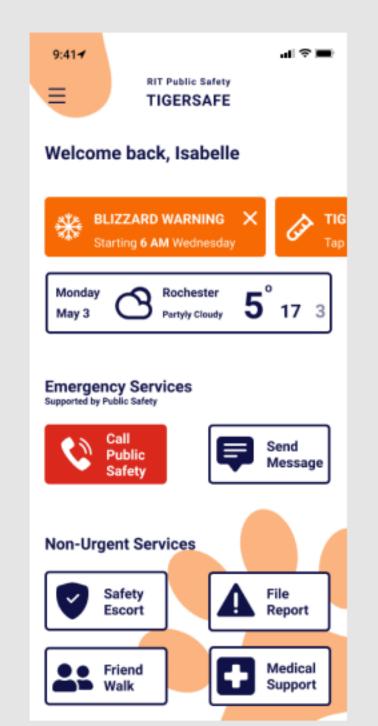


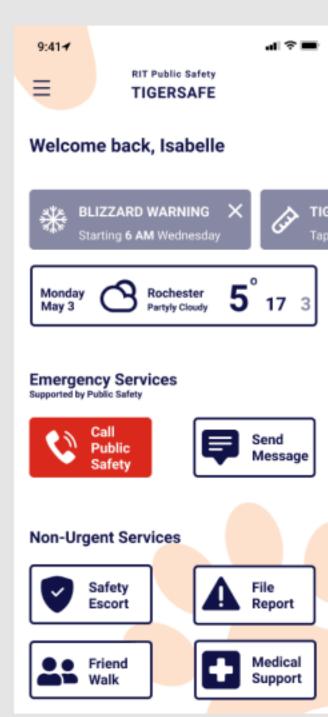






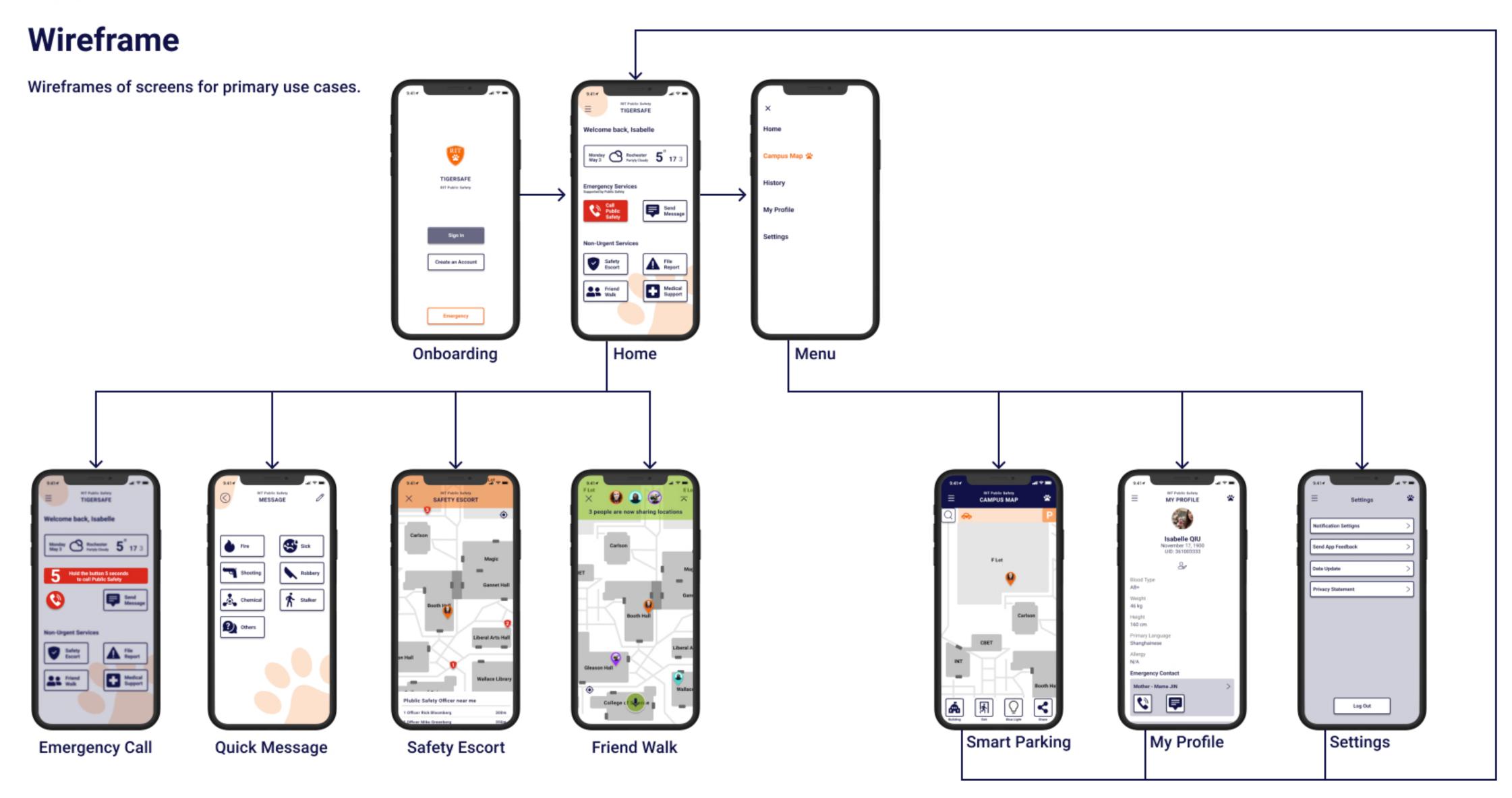






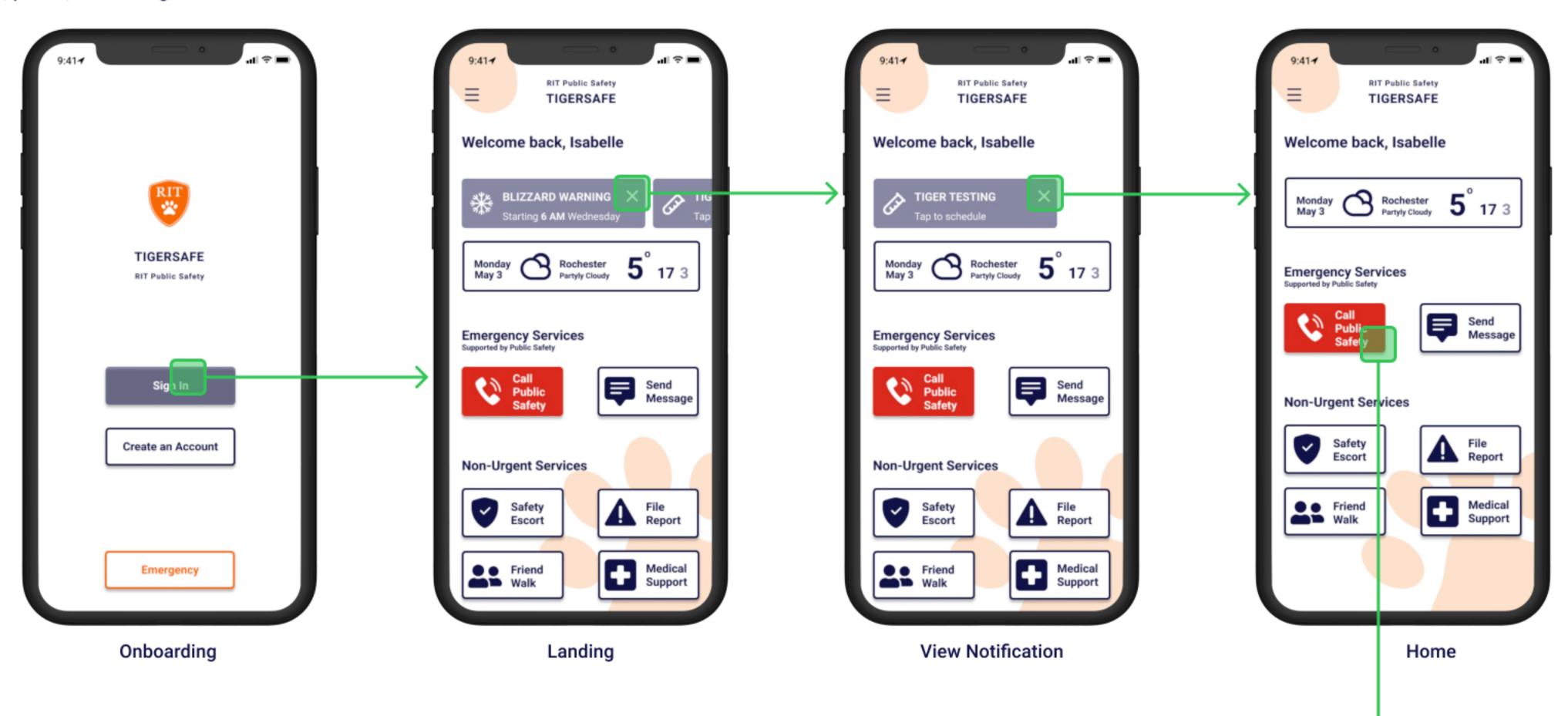
Initial Design ---->

Final Design

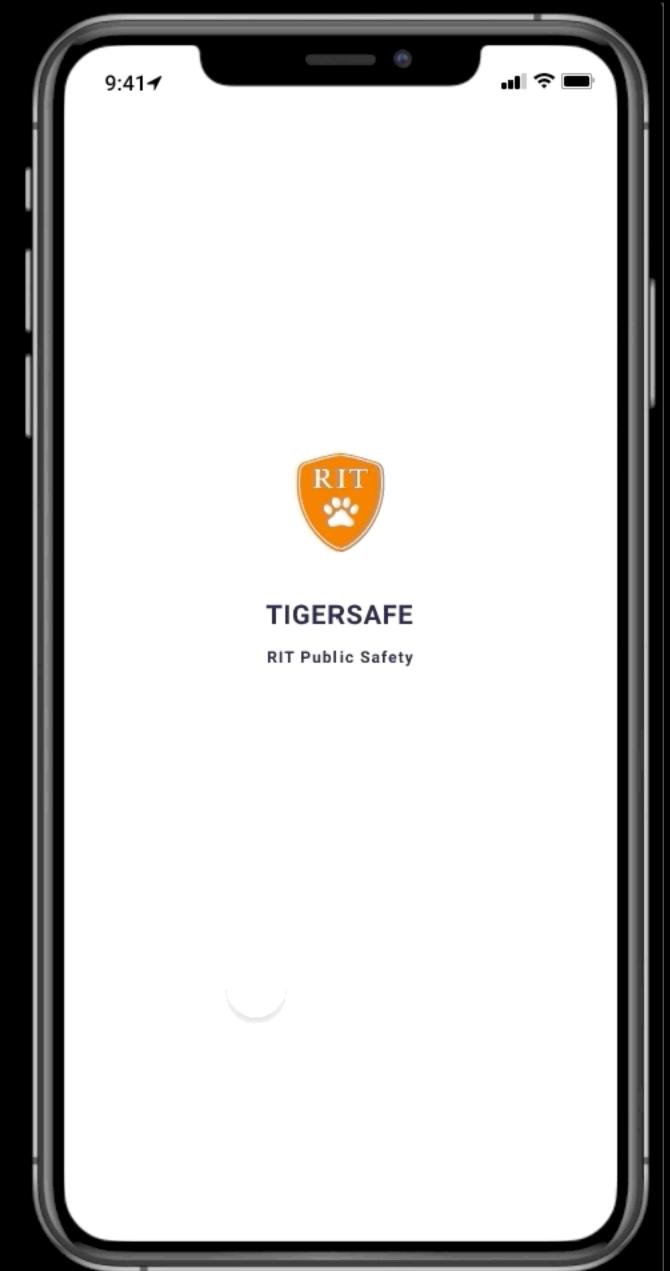


Prototype - Onbarding and Landing Page

The following wireframes demonstrate the processes of eight primary functions, including onboarding & landing, emergency call to Public Safety, quick message, safety escort, friend walk, smart parking and navigation, profile, and settings.



Animation 1 Onboarding & Landing





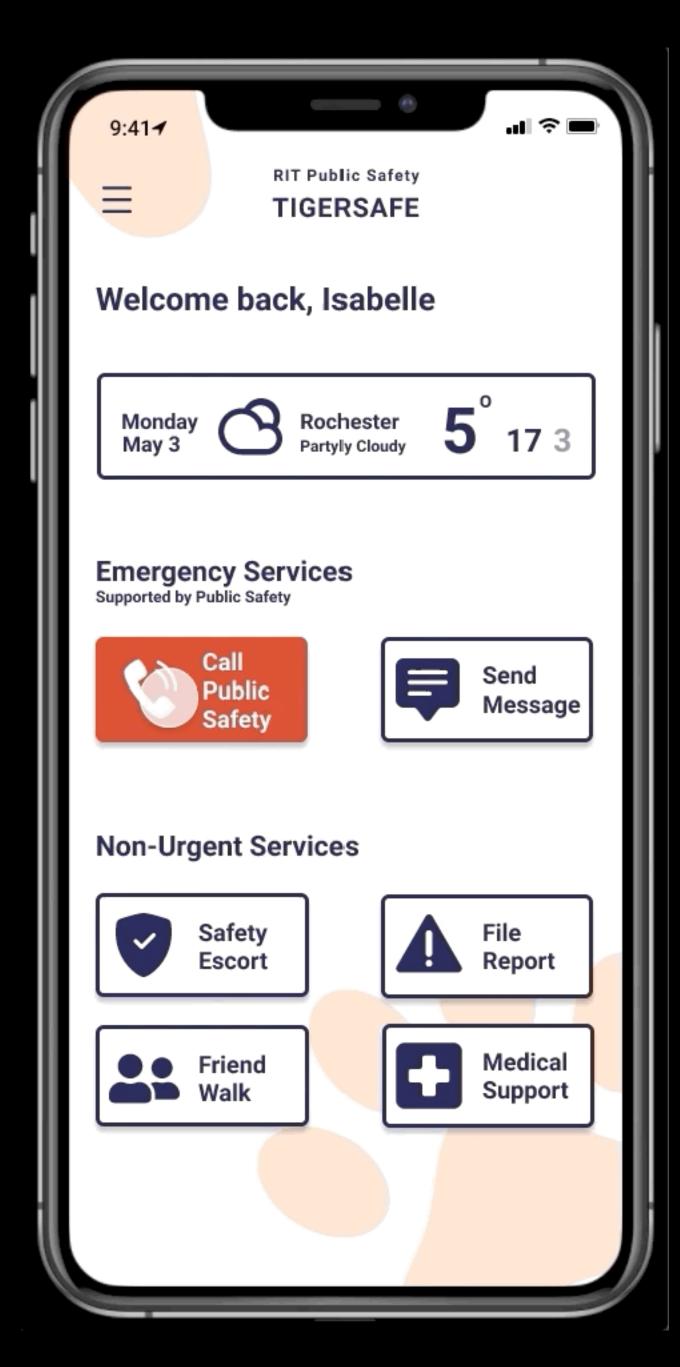
Prototype - Emergency Call & Quick Message



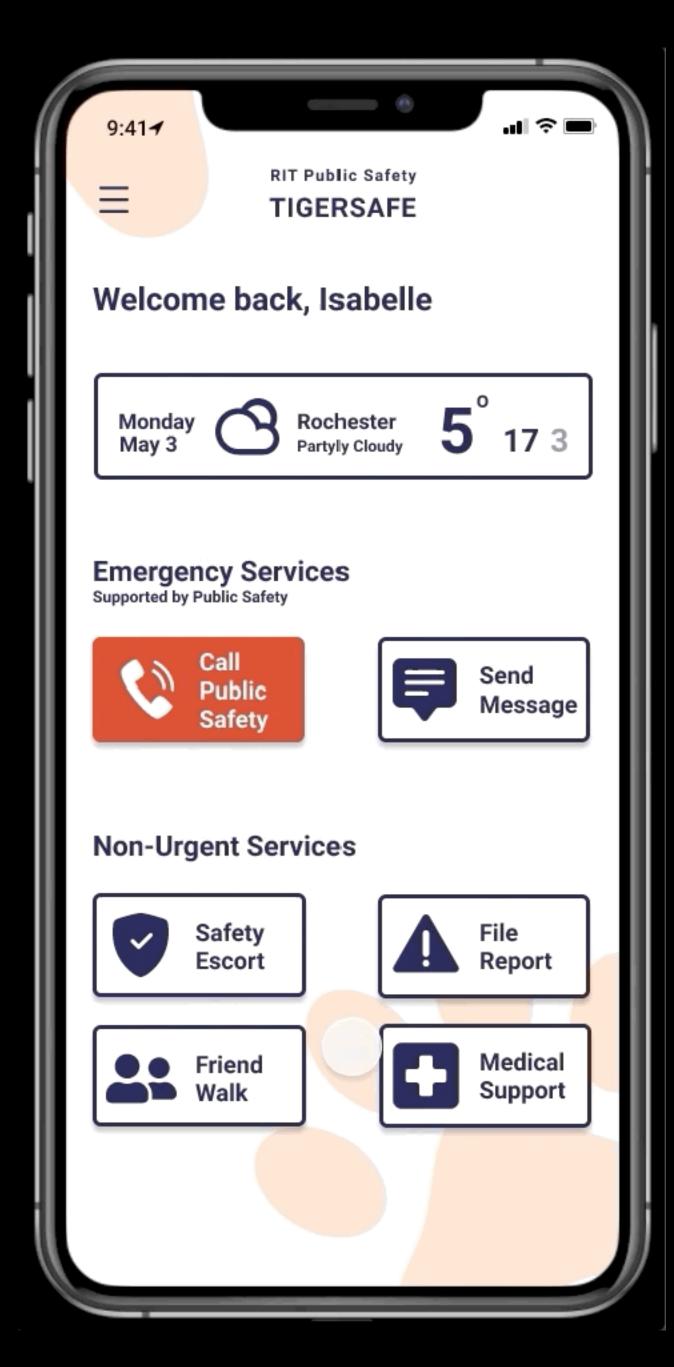
Press and hold 5s to make a call



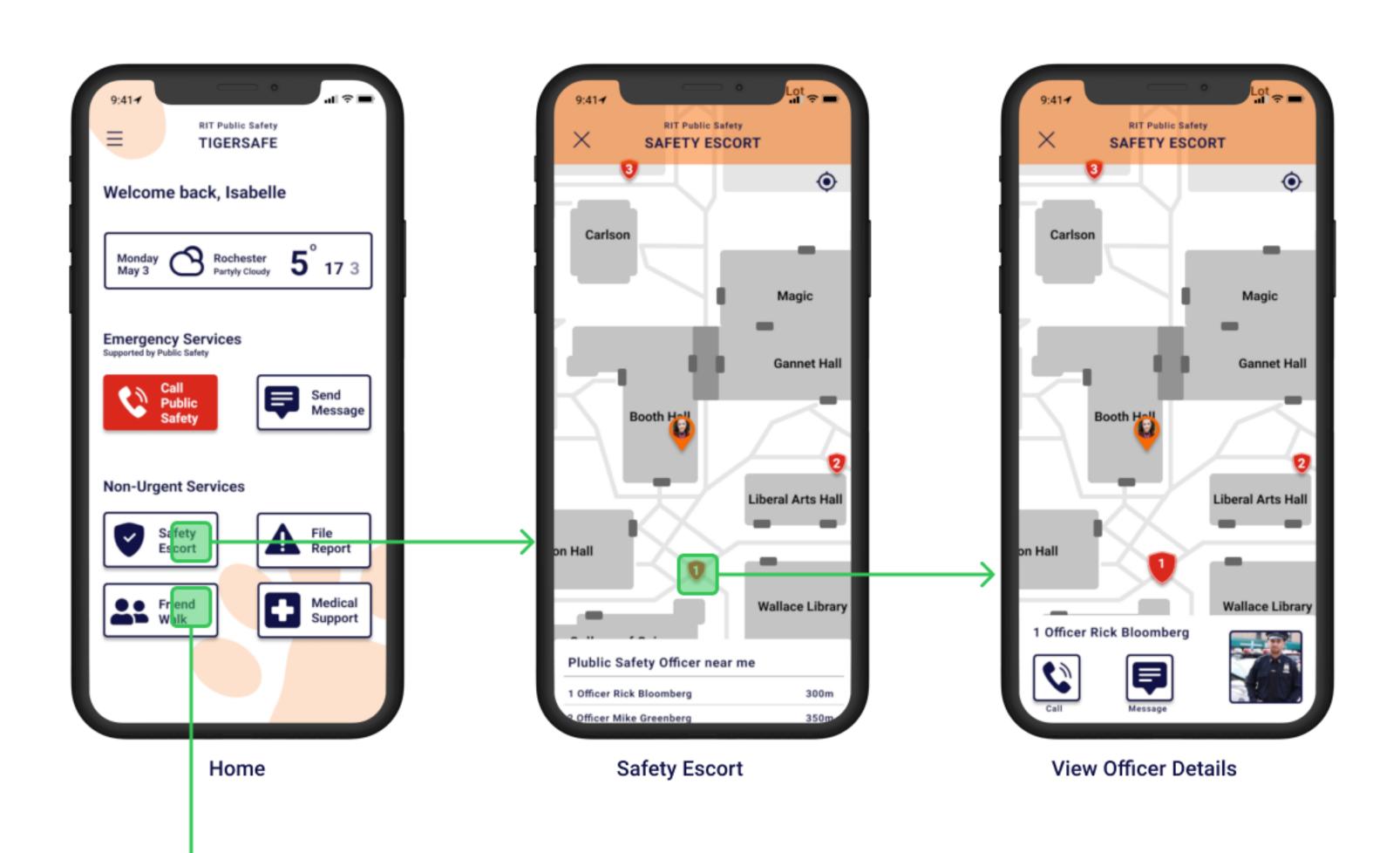
Animation 2 Emergency Call



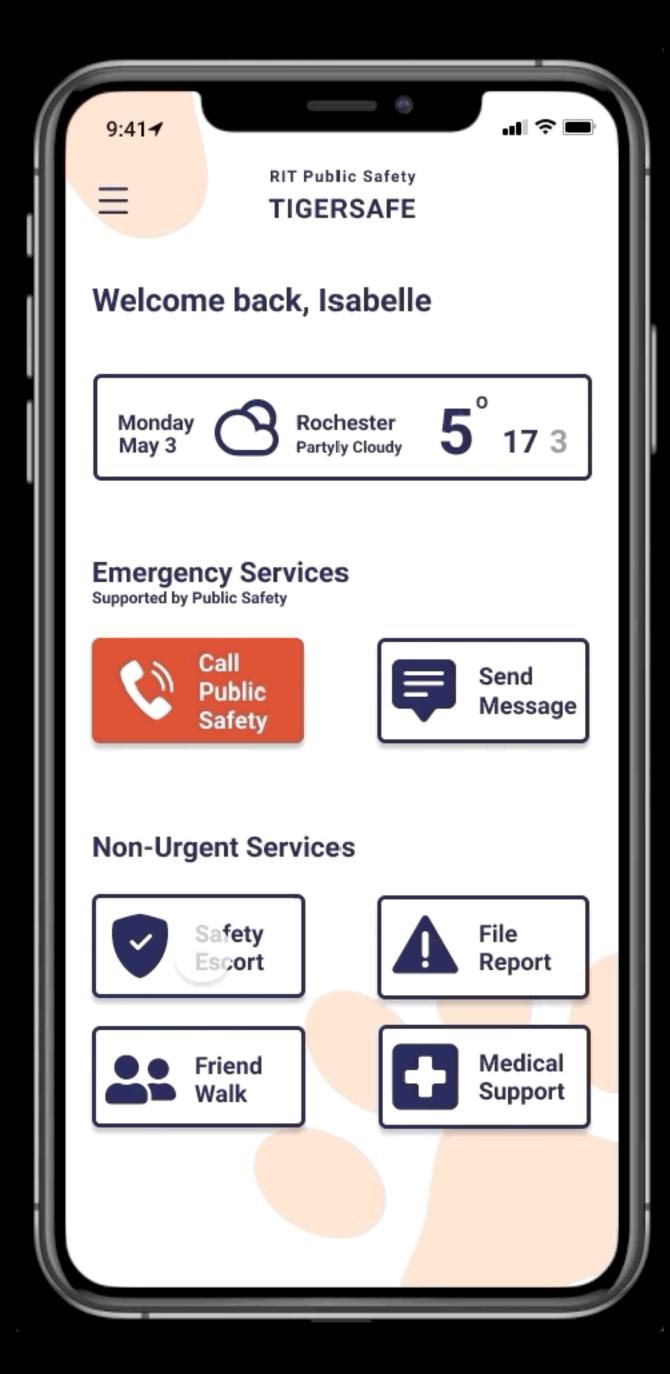
Animation 3 Quick Message



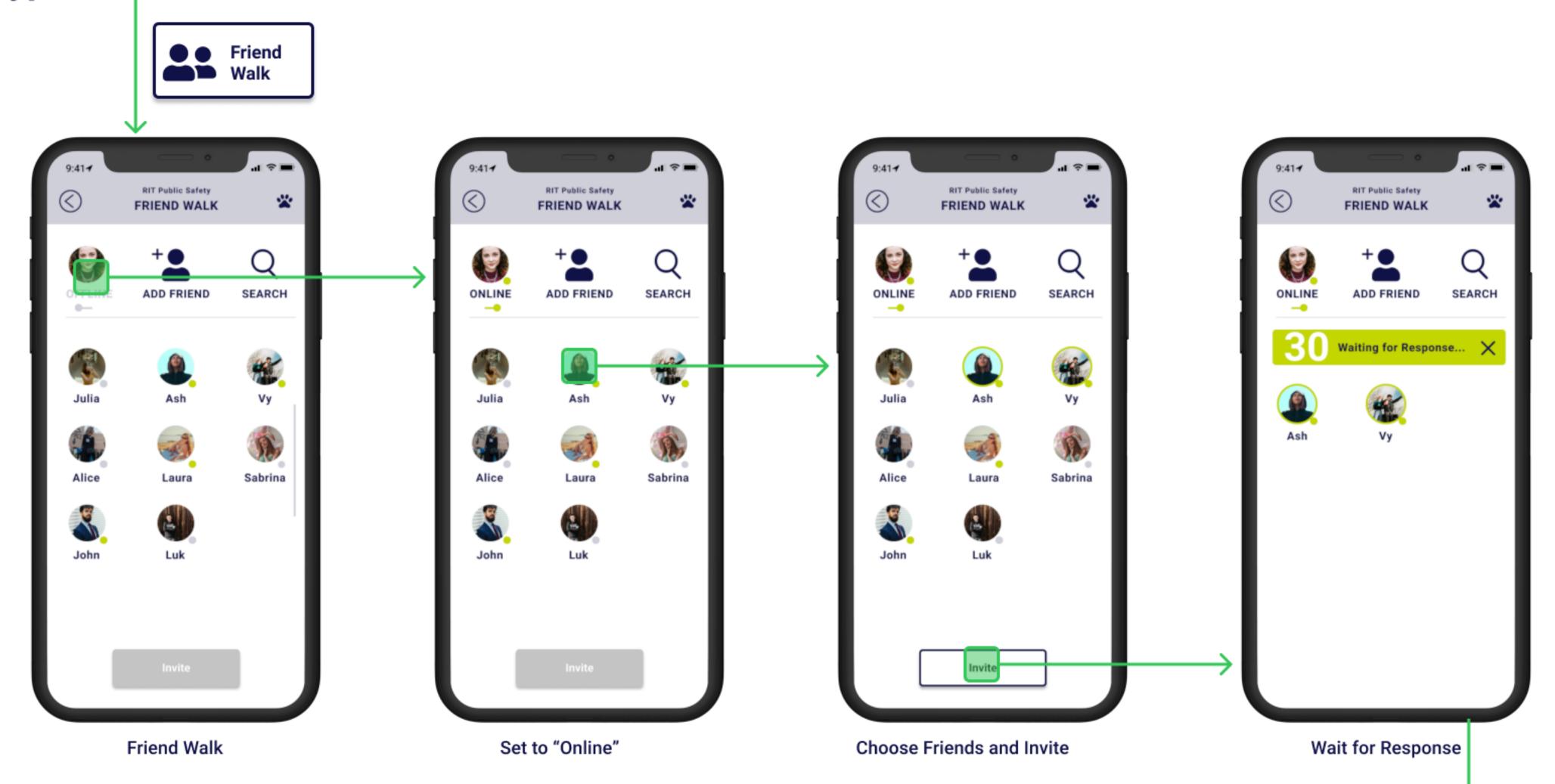
Prototype - Safety Escort



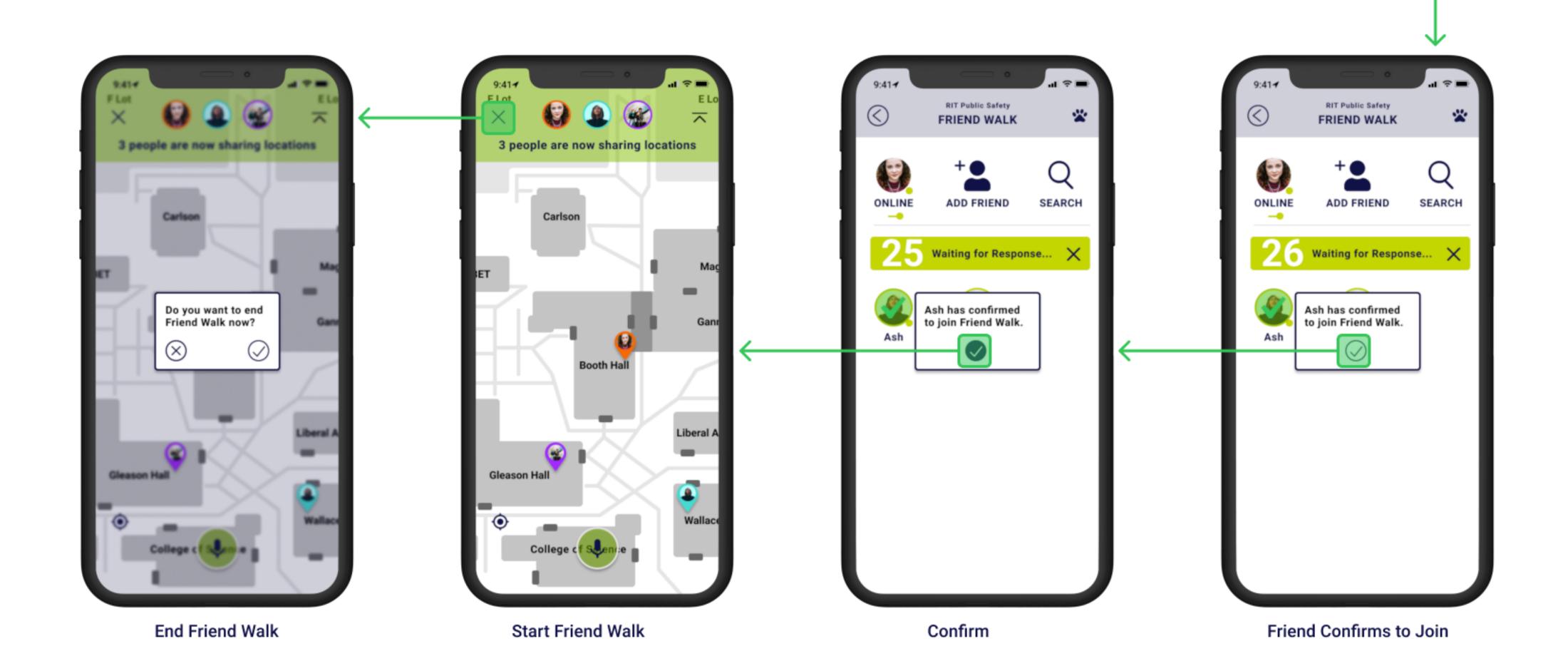
Animation 4 Safety Escort



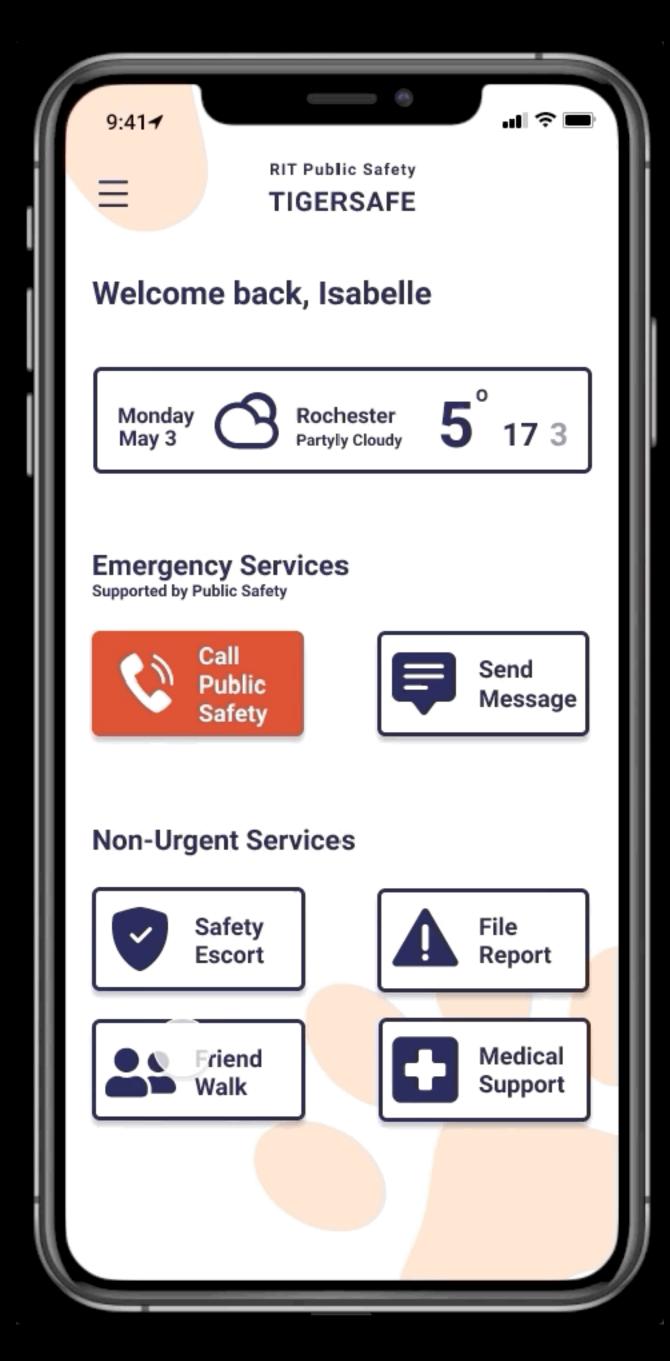
Prototype - Friend Walk 1



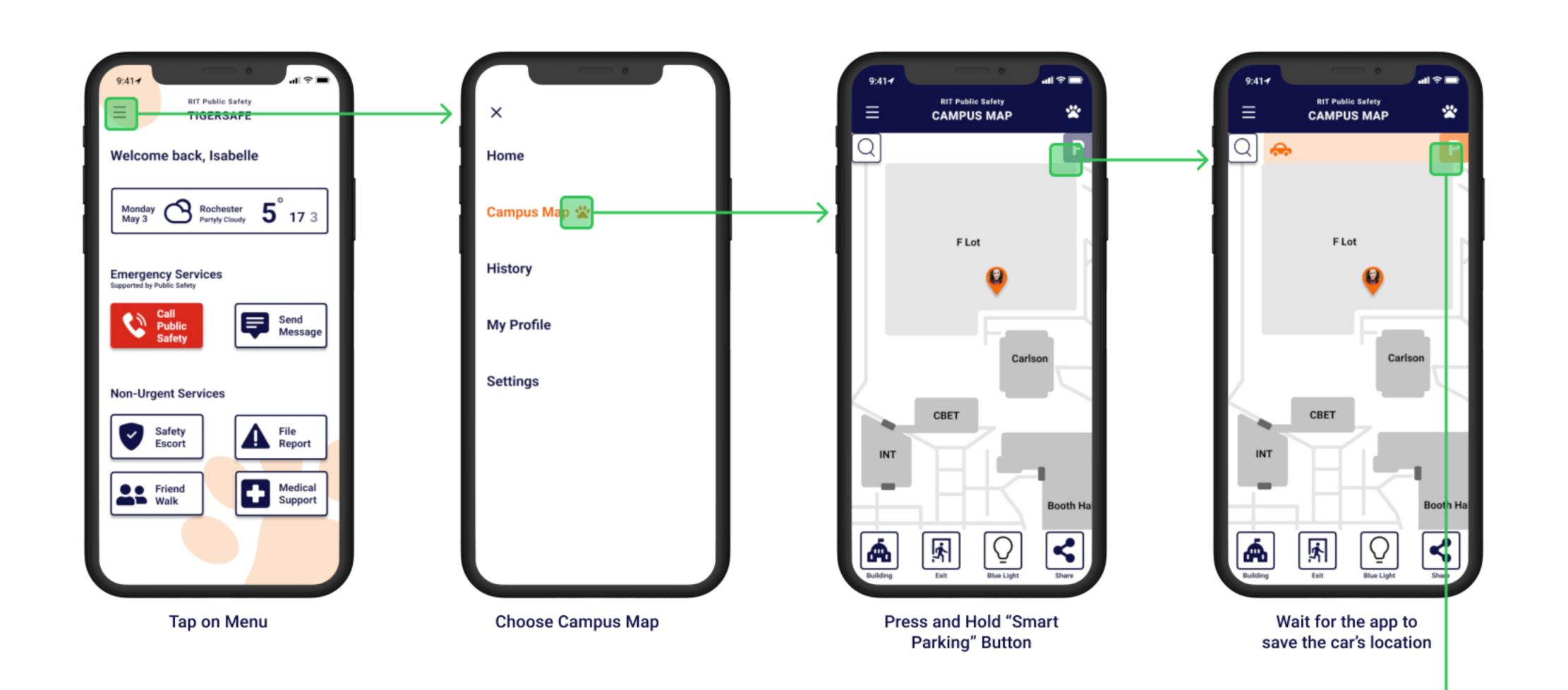
Prototype - Friend Walk 2



Animation 5 Friend Walk



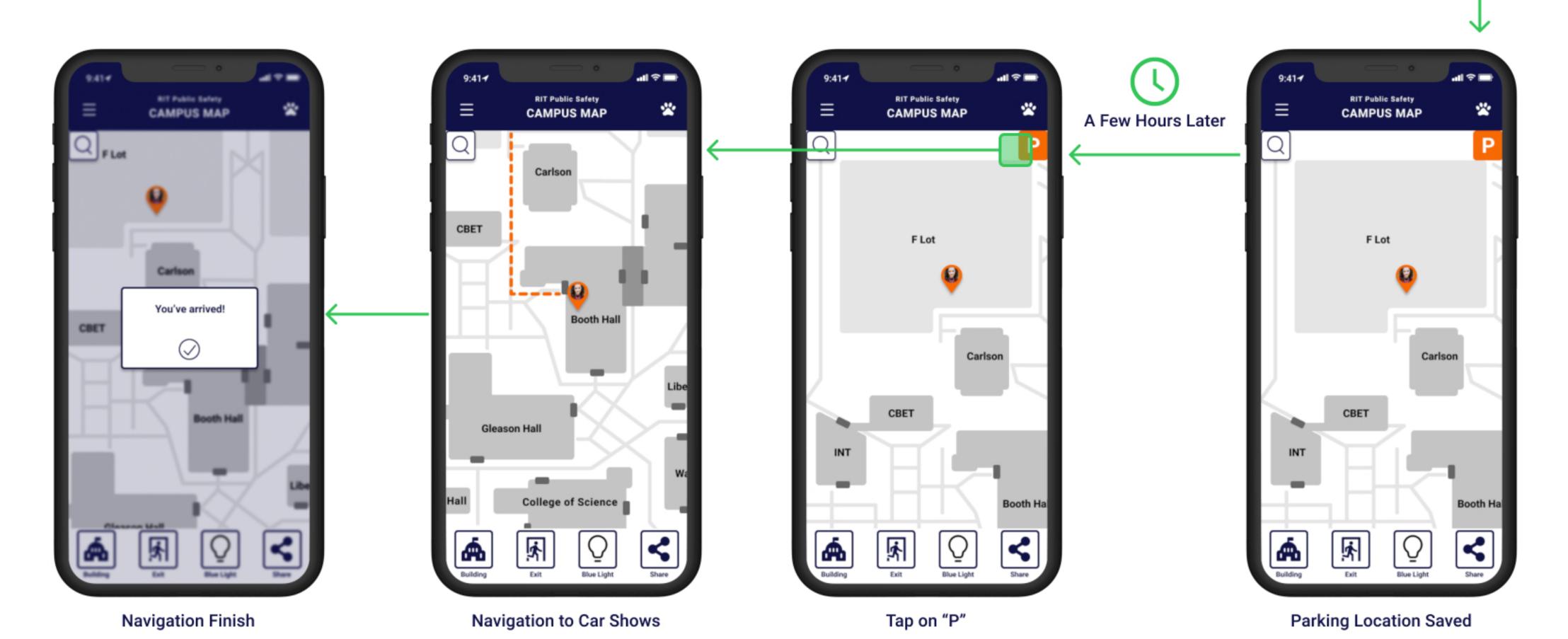
Prototype - Smart Parking 1



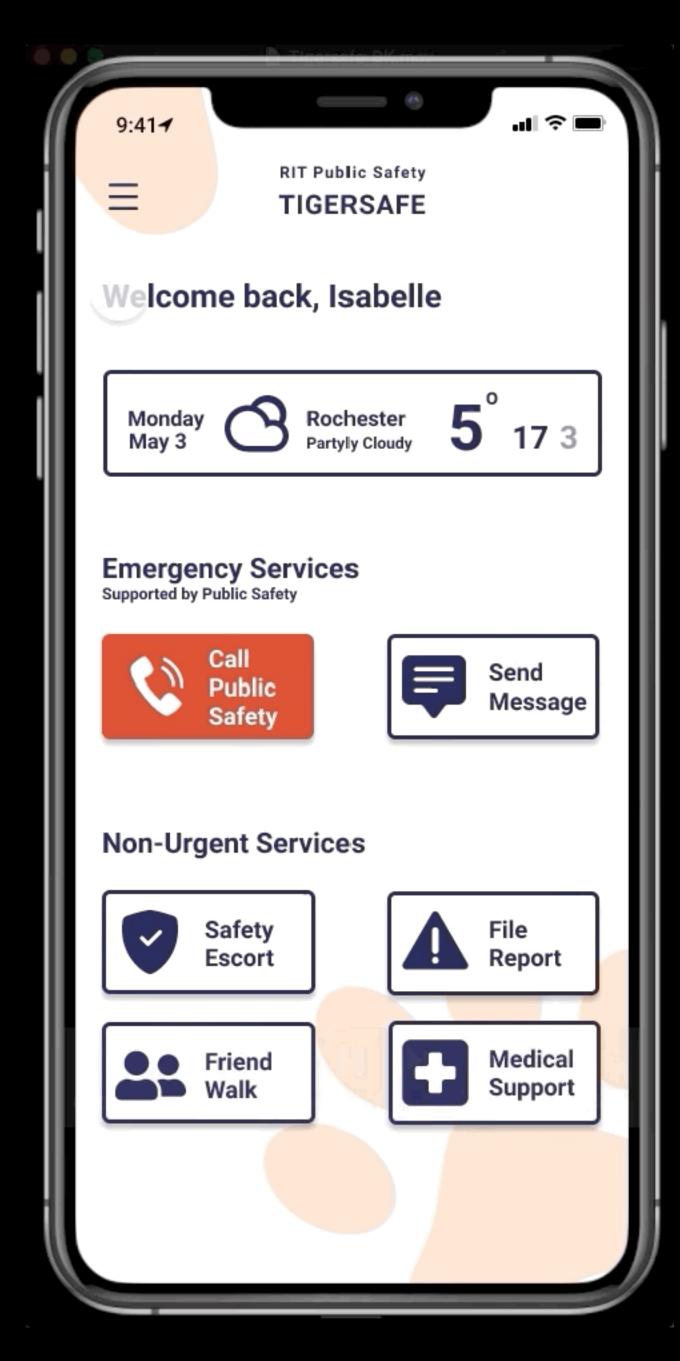
Prototype - Smart Parking 2



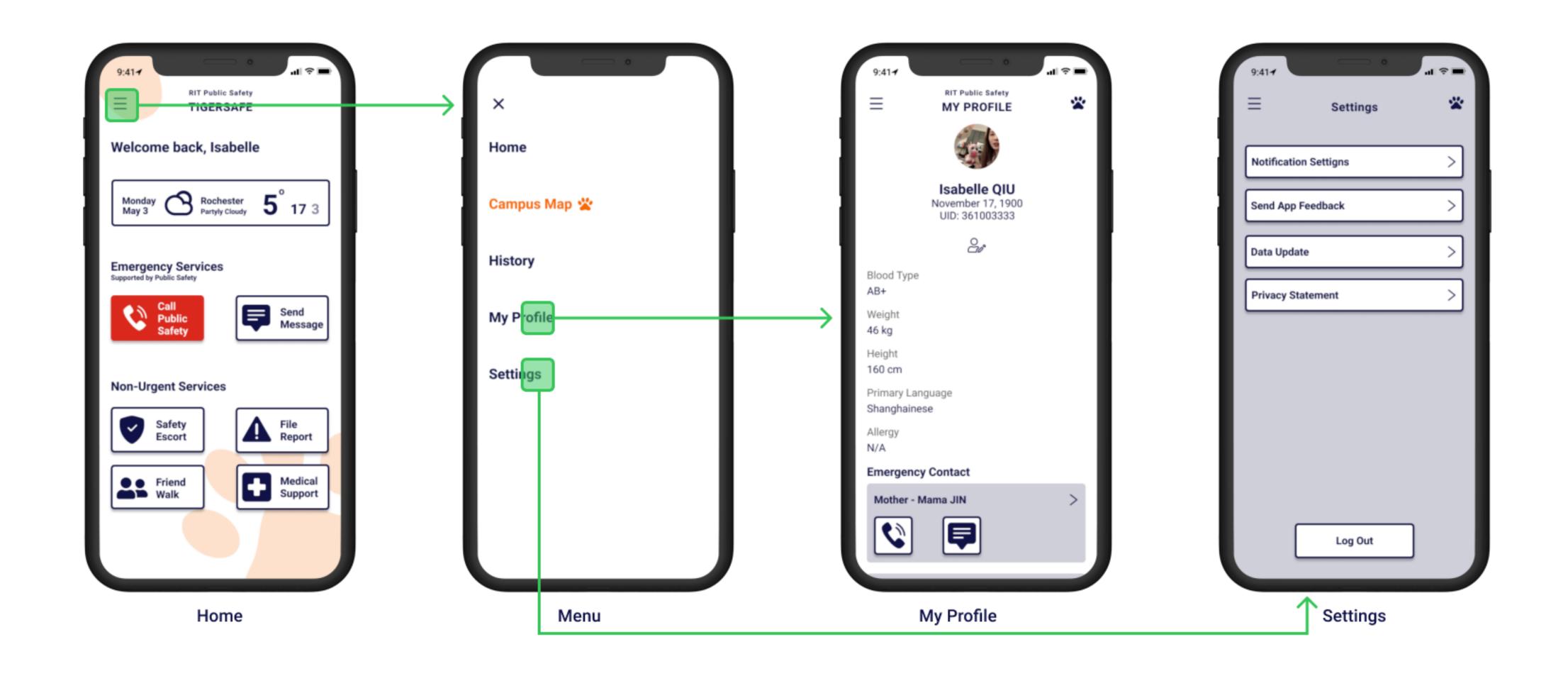
Press and hold the "P" button to save the location of the user's car



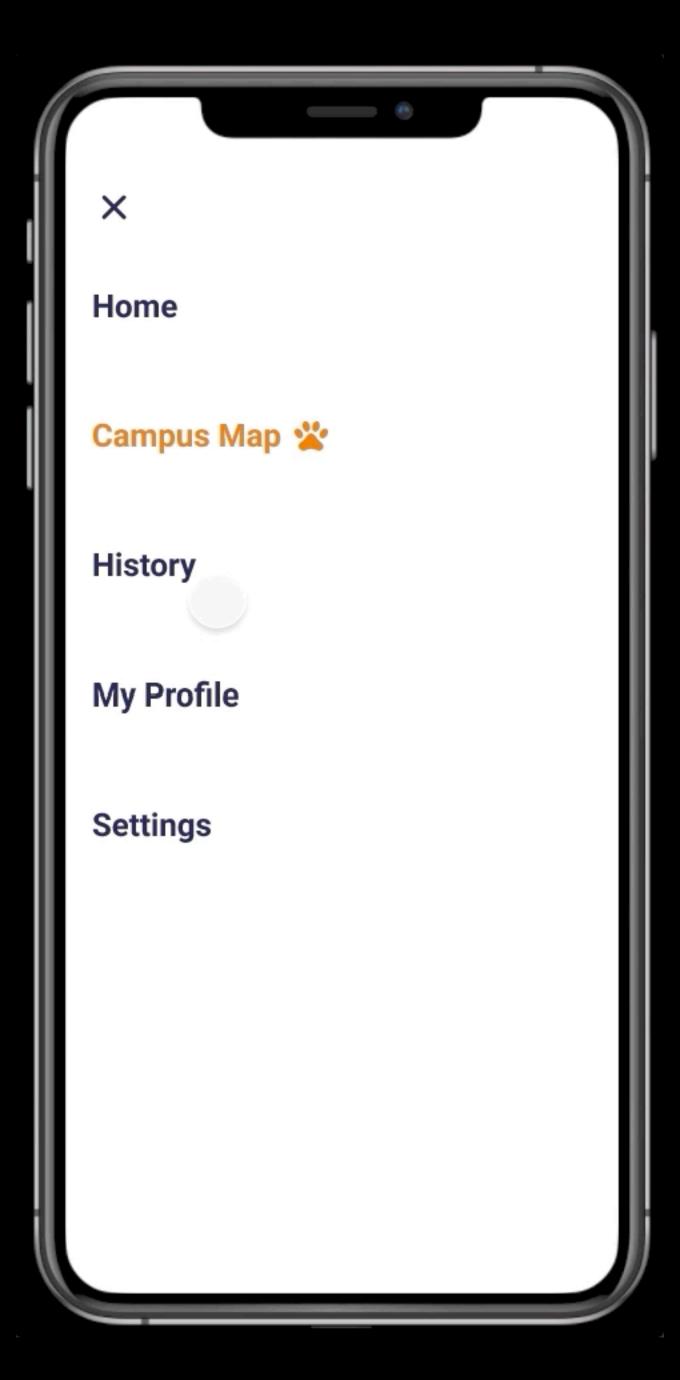
Animation 6 Smart Parking



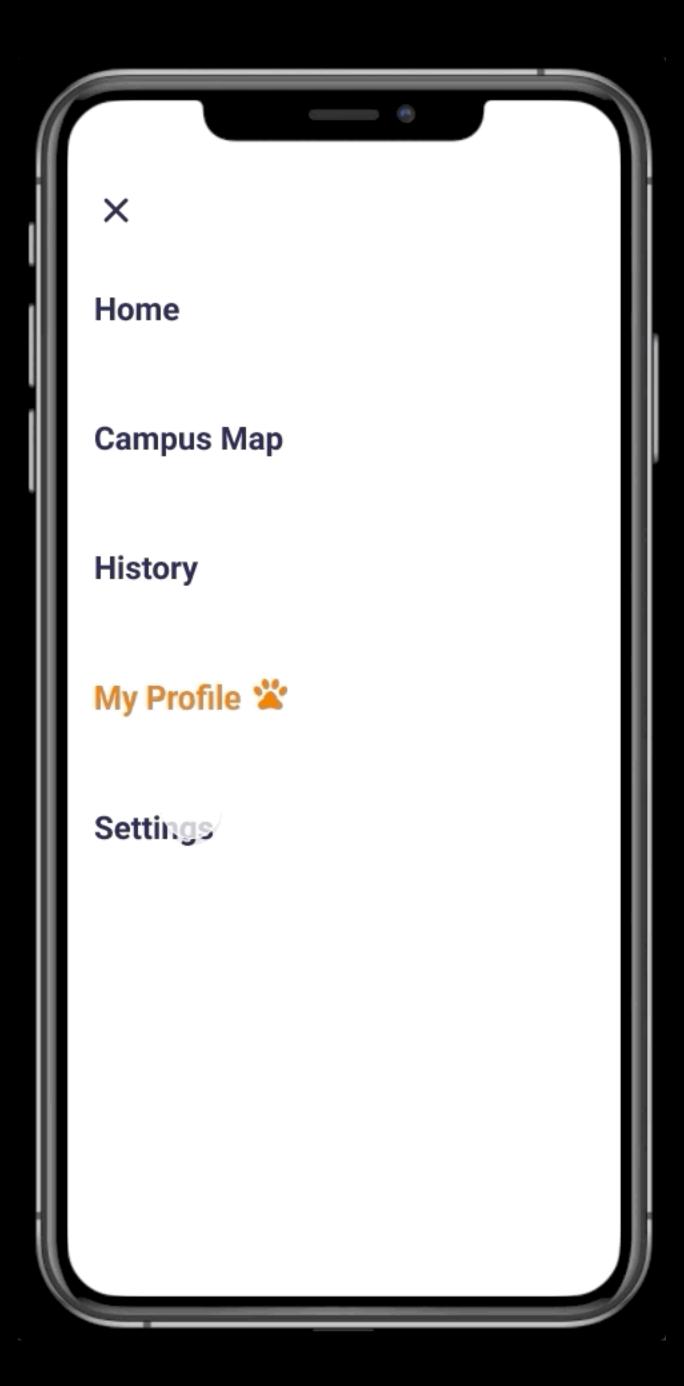
Prototype - My Profile & Settings



Animation 7 My Profile



Animation 8 Settings, Paw, & Logout



Animation 9 Whole Process

9:41◀ **TIGERSAFE** RIT Public Safety



URL

Prototype

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Design Process on Figma

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