

# Device keeps watch over the children

We try a tracker for parents who want to keep tabs on their little ones

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I have been looking for a tracking device for my kids for a couple of years now, so when I got the KidGuard watch to try out, I was mighty thrilled.

Now, don't judge me. I am not a clingy parent, but I definitely want my children to be safe. After all they go to school in a bus and as a working mum I am not always there when they go out to play.

So how does it work? The watch needs to have a sim card with data availability for GPS. You then need to download the KidGuard app on your phone and sync the watch with the app. You can save different places like home and school, places where the child is regularly seen.

The watch has a couple of buttons - power button to see the time and switch it on, two buttons to call mum and dad's numbers and the most important one, the SOS button.

So I have set up the watch and my six-year-old then wears the cute orange coloured device. A quick explanation of the buttons is then given and off he goes to play in the park.

I then call the watch and we have a clear conversation. What I do next is create a safe zone on the app, which is an area of 200m. If he goes out of the zone, I get a notification.

I then get an SOS message from him and when I call the watch, it's automatically answered and he tells me he didn't get a turn on the slide.

The only drawback I found was the SOS notification was a bit delayed, maybe due to the data availability.

I didn't tell my son much about the two call buttons, as I am pretty sure he would be calling me all the time.

I would say it's a great watch that both the kids and parents would love.

Priced at Dhs360, it's a bit steep, but then the tracking it provides is definitely worth the price.  
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—Veathika on KidGuard

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### What made you think of this concept?

I'm an uncle to a lot of nieces and nephews, and I take them out during the weekends. One of my concerns was to make sure I didn't lose them.

### How did you come up with the final product?

I tested out any smartwatch I could get my hands on, I was very interested in learning about the differences between them and what made these watches so unique. I identified what I liked and didn't like and began narrowing down the elements of what

## Notes on the new Samsung



You'll be able to unlock Samsung's new phone just by looking at it.

The Galaxy Note 7, which was launched in the UAE this week, comes with an iris scanner, which matches patterns in your eyes with what was detected by your phone during set-up. It also offers an alternative to fingerprint ID, which doesn't work well when fingers are wet.

"We challenged our engineers to design a security system that's convenient and safe at the same time," said Justin Denison, a senior vice president for product strategy at Samsung. "It took five years to perfect, but it only takes a glance to unlock your phone." Samsung isn't first, though. Microsoft's Lumia 950 phones already have this tech.

Beyond that, the updates in the Note 7 are mostly enhancements, such as a stronger glass screen and more storage — 64 gigabytes, or double what Samsung usually offers, plus a slot to add more.

The Note 7 comes with a better camera — although it's the same one that the smaller Galaxy S7 phones got in March, save for interface enhancements to access settings and switch between the front and rear cameras more easily.

I wanted my product to have. As for design, I began sketching what I had in mind, which was largely based on what I would've liked when I was a kid.

### Where can people get the watch?

For the time being you can purchase KidGuard directly through our website (kidguard.ae), for Dhs360. It's available in four colours: orange, blue, black and pink.



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