

ABSTRACT

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Anybody can experience violence, regardless of geographical, gender, age, or social background. According to the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (2022), the majority of victims are women. This problem is caused by the power imbalance between men and women which is deeply rooted in Indonesia's patriarchal culture and the perception of women as weak individuals. Due to the lack of effective interventions or penalties for acts of violence against women which caused many cases of violence against women to be dismissed as normal. Consequently, many women had to take security measures to protect themselves such as carrying self-defense tools. To address this issue, designing efficient and effective self-defense tools is crucial as this might help to reduce the number of victims. This study combines a qualitative method with a design thinking approach. Data were acquired through surveys, interviews as well as observations. The results suggest that these tools must also prevent revictimization, as in many cases, victims face consequences for defending themselves. The design process involves sketching, finalizing the design, creating 3D models, and prototyping. The final design will then be evaluated both in real-world settings and by users to ensure their effectiveness.

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