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Dossier Vault Pro

User manual

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1 What is Dossier Vault Pro?

Dossier Vault Pro helps you write down incidents and keep evidence safe: at work, at home, with neighbours, with an authority or a company. You record what happened, add photos, video, audio and files, and later you can hand a clear, checkable bundle to a lawyer.

Everything stays on your own phone, encrypted. There is no account, no advertising and no tracking. The app also works without internet.

HOW IT WORKS

1	2	3	4
Record	**Seal**	**Case**	**Export**
Text, photo, video, audio or any file	Encrypted + digital fingerprint	Grouped per matter, tamper-evident log	Zip for your lawyer

> The app is a tool. It is not legal advice. A timestamp shows that something existed at a certain moment, not that its content is true.

2 Your PIN and recovery key

When you start you choose a PIN of at least 5 digits (longer is safer). You use it to open the vault on this phone. After 5 wrong tries the app makes you wait, and the wait grows with every mistake.

You also get a recovery key of 24 characters. Print it or write it down and keep it outside your phone. It is shown only once. The app tests you: you must fill in 6 missing characters from your saved copy before you can continue.

If you forget your PIN, the recovery key lets you choose a new one. If you lose both, nobody can open your data, not even us.

THREE THINGS PROTECT YOUR VAULT

•••••	XXXX-XXXX-…	XX_X_X
PIN	**Recovery key**	**Test**
5+ digits · opens the vault on this phone	24 characters · keep it outside the phone	You fill in 6 missing characters before you continue

- Do not store the recovery key in a cloud folder and do not email it to yourself.
- Anyone who has the recovery key can open your vault.

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3 Recording an incident (Log)

The Log screen is the fastest part of the app. Fill in what you know and press Record. A title, a text, a photo or a voice note alone is enough.

LIVE means it is happening now or just happened: the app records the exact time itself. RECONSTRUCTION means it happened earlier: you enter the date and time yourself (approximate is fine). Both the event time and the moment you saved it stay visible.

Write facts: what happened, who said what (exact words if you can), who was there. Keep your own opinion separate and short.

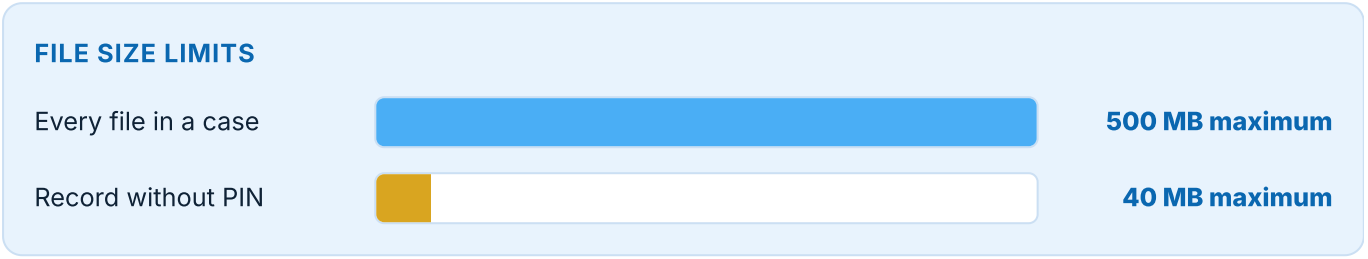
An entry can never be deleted or quietly changed. If you made a mistake, add a correction or withdraw the entry. The original stays visible. Every case keeps a chained log, so a change anywhere would be noticed.

4 Photos, video, audio and other files

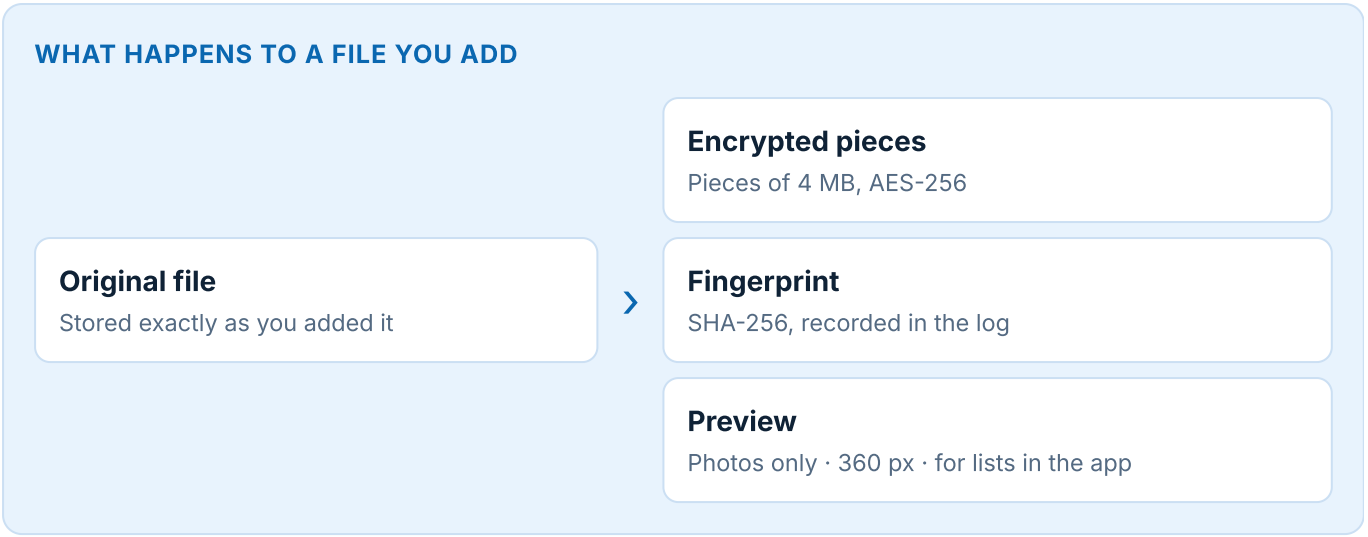
You can add almost any file: photo, screenshot, PDF, Word, Excel, email, audio, video, zip. Use Camera to take a photo, Video to film, Photos & files to pick from your phone, and Voice note to record sound. With "Or pick a whole folder" you take a complete folder along. That works best on a computer; some phones can only pick single files.

The original is never changed. Each file gets a SHA-256 fingerprint that is written into the log, and the file is stored encrypted. Later you can press Check file to see that it is still exactly as you saved it.

For photos the app also keeps a small preview (360 px wide) so lists stay fast. Video, audio and other files have no preview; you can open them or save a copy.



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- Maximum 500 MB per file. Large files are encrypted in pieces of 4 MB.
- Record without PIN: maximum 40 MB per recording.
- You can also save a copy of any file back to your phone.

5 Record without PIN

For moments when speed matters, the lock screen has a big button: Record incident now. You can take a photo, record a voice note and write a short text without entering your PIN.

What you record is locked at once with a key that only your PIN can open. Anyone holding your phone can add something there, but nobody can read or delete anything.

After you unlock, you see "Recorded while locked". Put each recording in a case (the original time is kept) or discard it.

6 Cases, categories and templates

A case groups everything about one matter, for example "Work" or "Landlord". Each case has a name, an optional reference number and a category. You can use a ready-made category or add your own.

When you create a case you can start from a template: a checklist of what to write down. There are 12 ready-made templates in six topics: housing and neighbours, work and income, family and relationships, police and justice, purchases and warranty, and debts and collection. You can change the checklist or leave it empty, and save your own templates; those are stored encrypted too.

7 People involved

In the People tab you keep a list of managers, witnesses and others. Add a name and a role, or your own role. On the Log screen you tag them with one tap.

You can also take a photo of a person. If you leave the name empty, the person is called "Witness" (or the role you chose). The photo is stored encrypted and appears in the export in the folder people/ and

in the PDF.

> In many countries you may photograph someone as evidence for yourself, but sharing or publishing the photo can be forbidden. Only take a photo if you have a good reason.

8 Location, street name and device details

With the pin button on the Log screen you fill in your current location. The app saves the coordinates with their accuracy and, by default, also looks up the street name. For that it asks OpenStreetMap, a free map service, which street belongs to your position. Your coordinates and the IP address of your connection are sent to OpenStreetMap, nothing else. Without internet, or when you switch the lookup off in Settings, you only get the coordinates.

In Settings you can turn on automatic GPS: every LIVE entry then stores your position. It stays encrypted on your phone.

The app can also save device details with every entry: device type, system, time zone, network and battery. This helps a lawyer or judge see how the entry was made. You can switch it off in Settings.

9 Independent timestamps (optional)

Turn this on in Settings if you want extra proof of when an entry existed. Only the fingerprint of the entry (a 64-character code, no content) is sent to free public time servers. Within a few hours it is anchored in the Bitcoin blockchain.

The time servers see the fingerprint, the time and the IP address of your connection. They never see your text, files or names. Your phone must be online for this. The proof (.ots file) is included in the export, and anyone can check it on opentimestamps.org.

10 Export for a lawyer

Open a case and press Export. You choose what goes in and whether the file gets a password. The result is one zip file.

The PDF report shows every entry with its time, location, people and attachments. For each file it lists the name, type, size and fingerprint. Only photos are shown in the PDF, as a picture; a photo larger than 2.5 MB is shown as a thumbnail. All original files are in the folder evidence/, unchanged. Every PDF page has the case name at the top and "Page X of Y" at the bottom.

verify.html is a page that checks everything offline in a browser: it recomputes the fingerprints and the chain of the log.

Choose the lock carefully. A strong lock (AES-256) is very secure, but the receiver needs a free program such as 7-Zip. A simple lock opens with the zip built into Windows or Mac and then asks for the password, but is weaker against someone who really tries to crack it. Choose a long password and send it separately, not in the same message.

WHAT IS INSIDE AN EXPORT

report.pdf Readable report	**evidence/** Your original files
people/ Photos of people involved	**data.json** All data, open format
SHA256SUMS.txt Fingerprints to check files	**verify.html** Offline check page
timestamps/ Timestamp proofs	**README.txt** Short explanation

CHOOSING A LOCK FOR THE EXPORT

Strong lock AES-256 · receiver needs a free program such as 7-Zip	**Simple lock** Opens with Windows or Mac built-in zip · weaker against cracking	**No password** Anyone with the file can open it

- Note: the files leave the vault. After that your PIN no longer protects them. Only the password (if you chose one) still does.
- A lost password cannot be recovered.
- The zip is assembled in your phone's memory. A very large case with a lot of video may fail on a phone with little memory. In that case export from a computer.
- After each export an entry about it is added to the log of the case.

11 Backup, restore and reminders

Press Make backup in Settings. You get one file (.dvpbackup) with your whole vault. It stays encrypted and opens only with your recovery key. Store it outside your phone, for example on your computer or in cloud storage.

To restore on a new phone, choose Restore from a backup on the first screen. You need the backup file and your recovery key, and you choose a new PIN for that phone.

Choose in Settings how often you want a reminder: every week, 2 weeks or month, or never. The app shows a notice when your backup is too old. For a reminder that also arrives when the app is closed, add a repeating reminder to your calendar with one button. That file stays on your phone and nothing is sent anywhere.

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12 Settings and Quick exit

In Settings you choose the language, the appearance (automatic, light or dark), when the app locks itself (1, 2, 5, 15 or 30 minutes, or only when you leave the app), and you can change your PIN. If you leave the app briefly, for example to use the camera, the vault stays open for 2 minutes.

The Quick exit button at the top locks the vault and leaves the screen immediately. Use it when someone looks over your shoulder.

13 Limits at a glance

- PIN: 5+ digits. Recovery key: 24 characters.
- Files: all types, up to 500 MB each. Record without PIN: up to 40 MB.
- Photos: original unchanged, preview of 360 px for the app.
- PDF report: photos as pictures (thumbnail if larger than 2.5 MB); other files as a list with name, type, size and fingerprint.
- Export password: at least 8 characters.
- Very large exports: use a computer if your phone runs out of memory.
- The app works offline. Internet is only used for the optional street-name lookup and the optional timestamps.

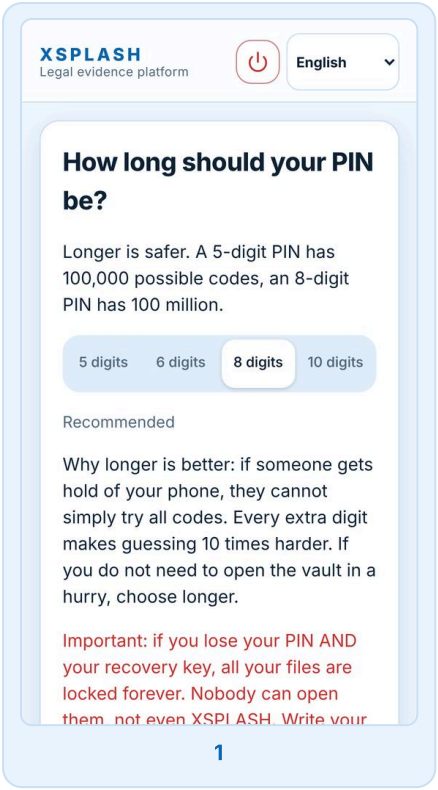
14 Good to know

Dossier Vault Pro helps you keep your own records in good order. It does not give legal advice and cannot guarantee how a court or authority will treat your evidence. Ask a lawyer or a legal aid office about your situation.

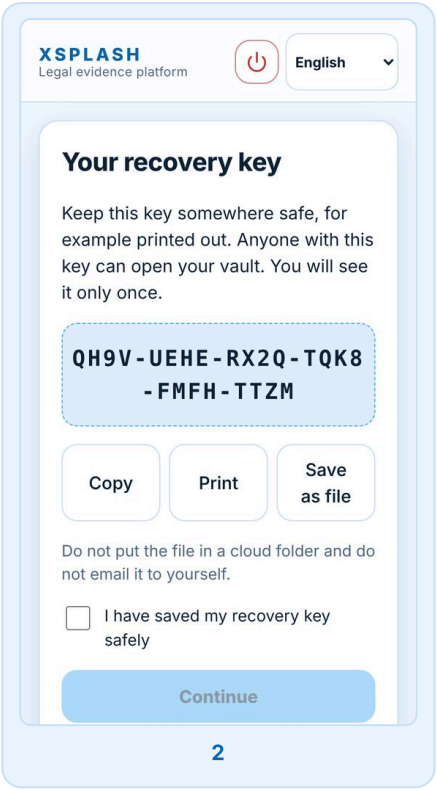
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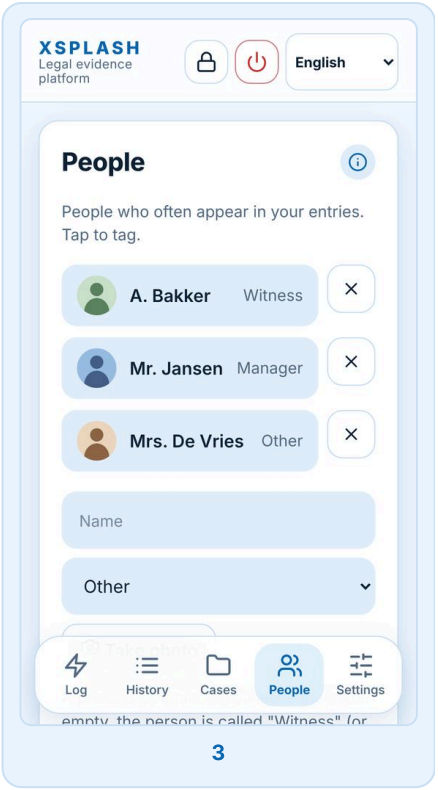
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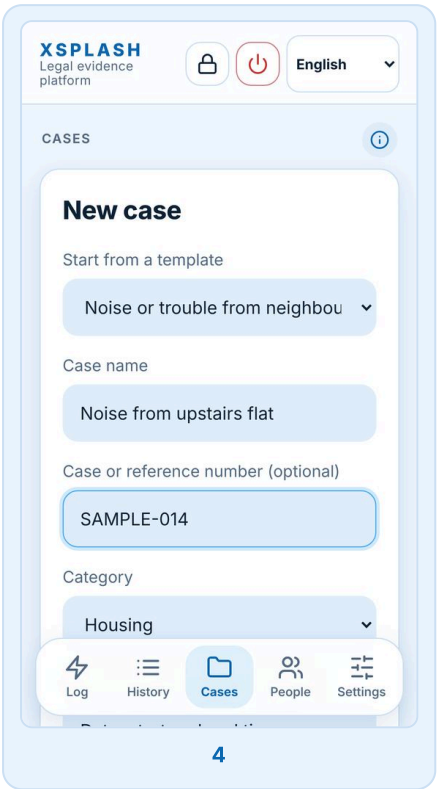
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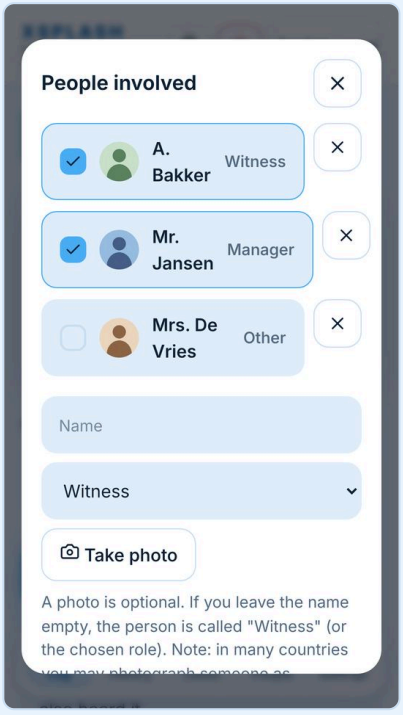
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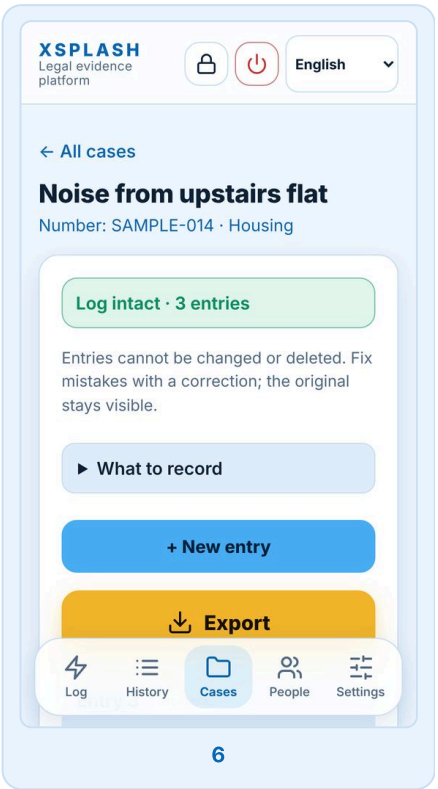
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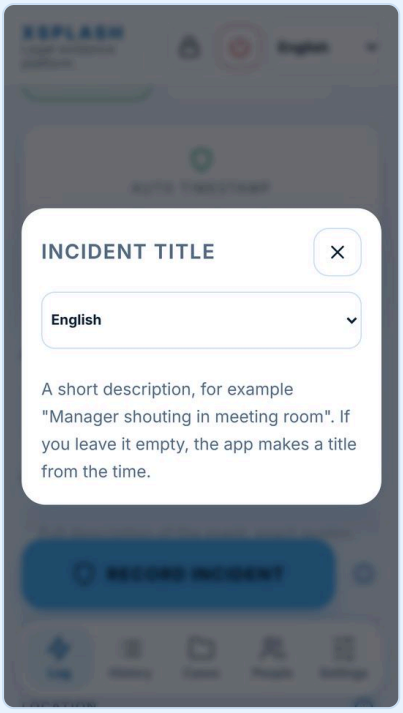


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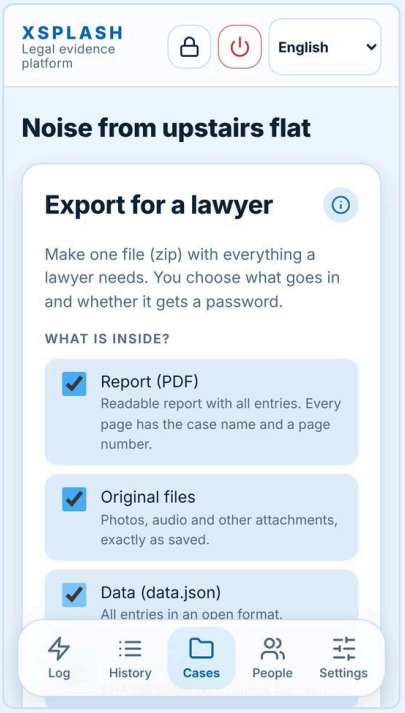


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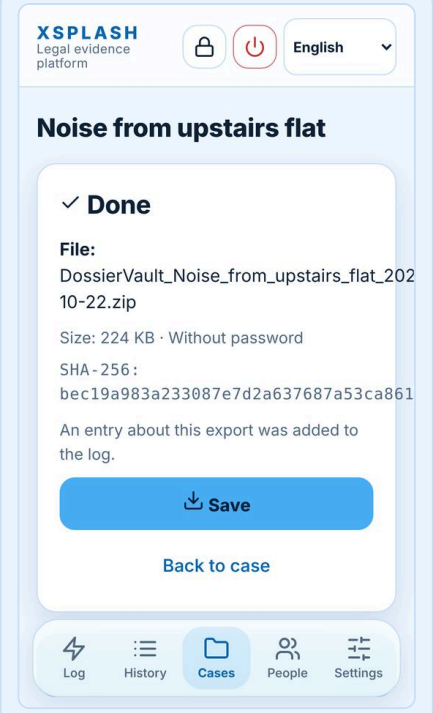
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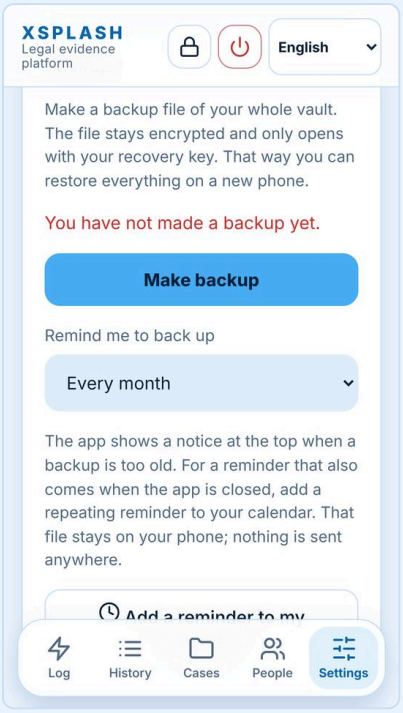
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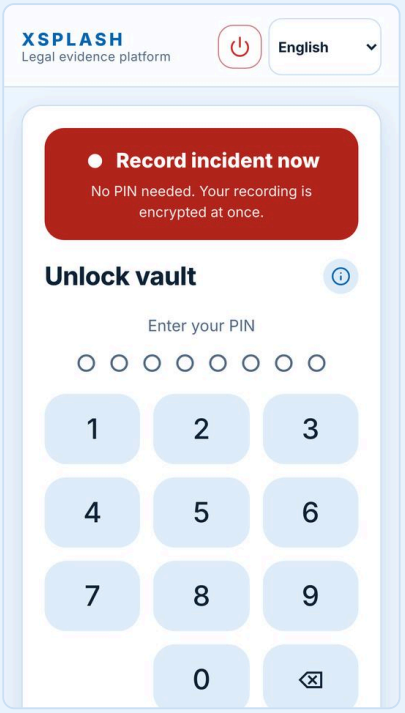
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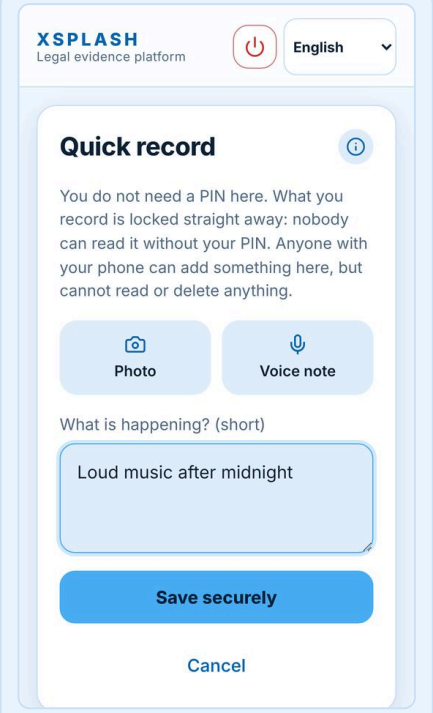
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