



### Which warning devices will be tested on the Nationwide Alert Day in the town where I live?

The municipalities are free to decide whether they want to participate in the Nationwide Alert Day and which warning devices they want to test. Available warning devices will be tested depending on their availability and their capabilities. Please inform yourself in advance whether and how your municipality plans to test local warning devices on the Nationwide Alert Day. Then you can prepare yourself and – ideally – also inform other people.

### What do the siren signals mean?

#### Danger warning:

Howling siren sound that lasts 1 minute (high/low wailing sound)



Turn on the radio and listen for announcements.

#### All clear:

Continuous howling siren sound that lasts 1 minute

There is no longer any hazard.

For further information on the Nationwide Alert Day and the warning of the population, please refer to the following websites:

[www.bundesweiter-warntag.de](http://www.bundesweiter-warntag.de)  
[www.warung-der-bevoelkerung.de](http://www.warung-der-bevoelkerung.de)  
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## Nationwide Alert Day



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The Nationwide Alert Day is held annually on the second Thursday in September. This action day of the Federation and the Federal States aims to achieve two main goals:

- In a joint exercise, the Federation and the Federal States as well as the participating rural districts, urban districts and municipalities will – from 11.00 a.m. on – test their different warning devices and technical procedures in case of an alert. Thus, weak points in the warning system can be identified and corrected subsequently in order to make the system more stable and more effective for a real emergency.
- It is intended to sensitise the people in Germany for the warning of the population and the different warning devices.

The more familiar you are with this subject, the more independently and effectively you can act and protect yourself in a dangerous situation.

## Why am I warned?

Large-scale incidents and hazard situations endanger your safety and the safety of your family, dependents, friends and fellow citizens and – possibly – of your property. In case of local hazards, you will be warned in time in order to be able to prepare for the hazard and to respond appropriately.

## About which hazards will I be warned?

- Natural hazards (like floods or earthquakes)
- Severe weather (like gales, thunderstorms or heat waves)
- Leaks of harmful substances
- Failure of the supply systems (e.g. energy, water, telecommunication)
- Pathogens
- Major fires
- Armed violence and attacks
- Immediate hazards (like defusing of explosive ordnance)

## Who will warn me?

- The Federation (in a state of defence)
- The Federal States (in a disaster situation or in a hazard situation of state-wide importance)
- Towns, districts and municipalities (through the responsible authorities, e.g. disaster control authority (Katastrophenschutzbehörde), public order office (Ordnungsamt) or public health office (Gesundheitsamt))
- German Meteorological Service (DWD)
- Flood portals (Hochwasserportale) of the Federal States



## How will I be warned? What types of warning devices will be used?

As a warning message includes very important information, it should reach as many people as possible. Therefore, a warning message can be distributed via many different warning devices and channels, e.g.:

- Radio and television
- Websites
- Warning apps, e.g. NINA (Emergency Information and News App of the Federation)
- Social Media
- Sirens
- Loudspeaker trucks
- Digital display boards
- Authorities, family and friends, neighbour



## What can I do?

Normally, every warning will include recommendations as to what you can do for your protection and where you can receive further information.

