



Easy read - National Emergency Alert test on Sunday 7 September



The Government is testing the UK's **Emergency Alerts** system on Sunday 7 September at 3pm.



Emergency Alerts is a government system that sends you warning and advice in a life threatening emergency that is sent to you mobile phone or tablet.



On the 7th of September at 3pm there will be a test alert sent to your phone or tablet.



The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert.

Why the test alert is taking place



The test alert is taking place to see if it works and alerts everyone's phones or tablets.



Regular testing makes sure the system is working well, should it be needed in an emergency.



The test alert is not meant to tell you there is real danger and you will not need to take any action.



You may remember the last national test that happened in April 2023

What the test will look and sound like



Your mobile phone or tablet might:

- make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent



- vibrate
- the sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.



- read out the alert



If you have a vision or hearing impairment, audio and vibration attention signals will let you know you have been sent the test.

How to turn off test alerts



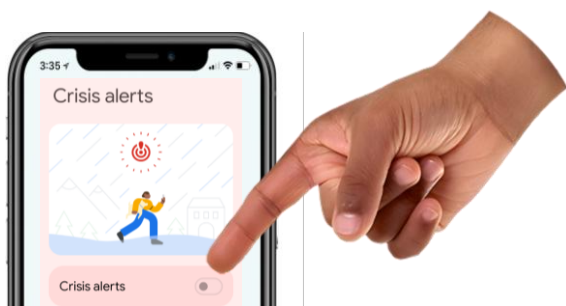
Emergency alerts have life-saving information and should be kept switched on for your own safety.



You can turn off test alerts. For example, victims of domestic abuse with a hidden phone may need to turn off alerts.



For iPhones and Android phones:



- Search your phone settings for 'emergency alerts'.
- Turn off 'severe alerts' and 'extreme alerts'.

Reasons you might get an alert when it is not a test



You may get alerts about any type of life threatening emergency, such as:

- Wildfires



- serious flooding



- dangerous storms



- An alert will have a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information.



Emergency alerts will only be sent by:



- the emergency services



- government departments and agencies that deal with emergencies



You can find more information about the national alert test here:

[Public testing of the Emergency Alerts system - GOV.UK](#)