



# Emergency Alerts



When emergencies strike, public safety officials use timely and reliable systems to alert you. This page describes different emergency alerts you can receive and how to enable or sign up for them.

## Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs)

WEAs are short emergency alerts authorities can send to any WEA-enabled mobile device in a locally targeted area. WEAs look like text messages but are designed to get your attention with a unique sound and vibration repeated twice. You are not charged for receiving WEAs, and there is no need to subscribe.

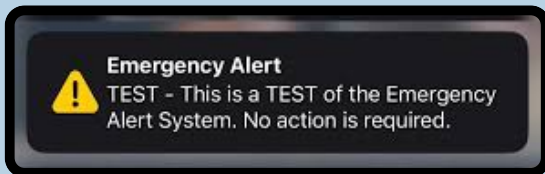


If you are not receiving WEAs, here are some tips to troubleshoot your mobile device:

- Check the settings on your mobile device and review your user manual (you may be able to find this online too).
- Older phones may not be WEA capable, and some cell phone models require you to enable WEAs.
- Some mobile service providers call these messages “Government Alerts,” or “Emergency Alert Messages.”
- All major phone providers and some smaller providers participate in WEA. Check with your wireless provider to see if they can resolve the issue.

## Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) is a national public warning system that allows the president to address the nation within 10 minutes during a national emergency.



- The EAS is sent through broadcast TV and radio, satellite digital audio services, direct broadcast satellite providers, cable television systems and wireless cable systems.
- The EAS is also used when all other means of alerting the public are unavailable.

## NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcast continuous weather information from the nearest National Weather Service office based on your physical location

- NWR broadcasts official warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- NWR also broadcasts alerts of non-weather emergencies such as national security or public safety threats through the Emergency Alert System.

