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UK Government Emergency Alert Test

The UK Government will test its emergency alert system on 7 September 2025

This is a UK Government service that will warn you if there is a danger to life nearby. It is like a fire alarm for your phone.

In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will get an alert with advice about how to stay safe.

The test alert will be at around **3:00pm on Sunday 7 September 2025.**

What will happen

All mobile phones and tablets using 4G and 5G will get the alert.

Your mobile phone or tablet might:

- Make a loud sound, even if it is set to silent.

- Vibrate.

- Read out a message.

This will last for about 10 seconds.

There will be a message on your screen saying:

> **This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby.**

You do not need to take any action. In a real emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe.

Visit gov.uk/alerts for more information.

You do not need to do anything. This is a test to make sure the alerts work.

You might also receive the same message in Welsh.

The Government does not need your phone number or any of your details to send you the alert.

Your mobile phone or tablet does not have to have mobile data or WiFi to get the alert.

If you are driving when you get the alert, do not pick up the phone. Carry on driving.

If you do not want to get the test alert, you can switch your phone off or put it on aeroplane mode.

If you do not want to get any emergency alerts in the future, you will need to:

- Look in your phone Settings and find Emergency alerts.

- Turn off severe and extreme alerts.

If this does not work, ask your phone provider.

They want to make sure that the alert works. In the future the government or police might use alerts to tell you about:

- flooding

- fires

- very bad weather

They will not send you alerts very often. The alerts are to help keep you safe.

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