

# Introducing AusAlert™

Testing in

**Geelong (Belmont & Highton)  
Victoria**

**2:00 pm Thursday 18 June 2026**

The Australian Government is launching AusAlert, a new national warning system that can send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices in times of disaster.



AusAlert will be ready to use in October 2026, but before it launches, we need to test the system in selected communities across Australia.

At around **2:00 pm** on **Thursday 18 June 2026**, your mobile devices, such as mobile phones, tablets and smart watches, may receive a test alert. The notification will vibrate and include a loud siren-like sound that lasts about 10 seconds.

The AusAlert test in your area is a Priority Alert. If receiving it could disrupt you or cause you or someone you know to feel unsafe, visit the AusAlert website at [ausalert.gov.au](https://ausalert.gov.au) to find out how to turn a Priority Alert off on your device.



**As this is just a test, you don't need to do anything.**

In an actual disaster you should follow the alert instructions to keep yourself and others safe.