

Community testing



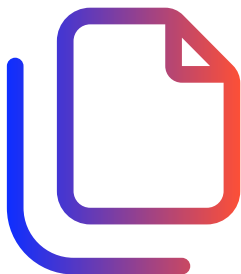
How to use this document

This is an **Easy Read document**.

Easy Read uses:

- simple words
- short sentences
- pictures to explain ideas.

You may want someone to read this document with you.



Other Easy Read documents

There are 4 Easy Read documents that explain AusAlert.

This is the third document. It explains community tests.

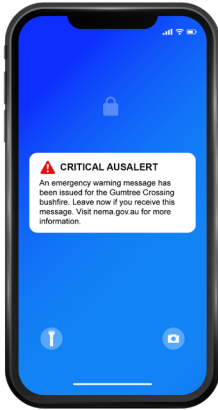
The other Easy Read documents about AusAlert are:

- What is AusAlert?
- Message types and what to do
- National testing

Find them on the AusAlert website.

<https://www.ausalert.gov.au/community-resources>

What is AusAlert?



AusAlert sends alerts to mobile devices during emergencies and disasters.

An alert is a warning message.

You may get an alert during an emergency.

Emergencies include floods, fires, natural disasters, bio-hazards and other dangerous events.



AusAlert will be ready in **October 2026**.

It will be tested before it starts.

AusAlert will be tested in some communities



Tests will happen in June 2026.

A test alert will be sent to 9 areas in Australia.

The alert will go to devices in the test areas.

This includes:

- mobile phones
- smart watches
- tablets.

Test locations



Tests will happen in these places in Australia.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Fairbairn Business Park, ACT

Date: Wednesday 10 June 2026

Time: 10:30 am

NEW SOUTH WALES

Liverpool, NSW

Date: Wednesday 17 June 2026

Time: 4:00 pm

NEW SOUTH WALES and AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Queanbeyan, NSW

Date: Sunday 21 June 2026

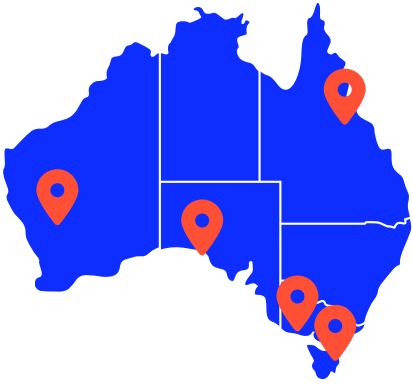
Time: 2:00 pm

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Tennant Creek, NT

Date: Thursday 18 June 2026

Time: To be confirmed



QUEENSLAND

Coastal townships (Cooya Beach, Newell and Wonga Beach), Qld

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2026

Time: 2:00 pm

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Port Lincoln, SA

Date: Saturday 20 June 2026

Time: 11:00 am

TASMANIA

Launceston, Tas

Date: Monday 15 June 2026

Time: 11:00 am

VICTORIA

Geelong, Vic

Date: Thursday 18 June 2026

Time: 2:00 pm

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Goomalling, WA

Date: Friday 19 June 2026

Time: 12:00 pm

What will happen during the test



An AusAlert test will be sent.

It will go to all devices in the test area.

Your device may:

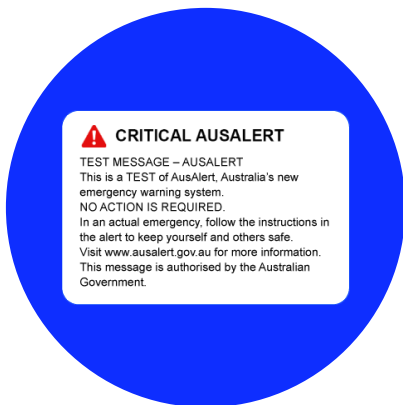
- vibrate
- make a loud siren sound.

The sound will last about 10 seconds.

A message will show on your screen.

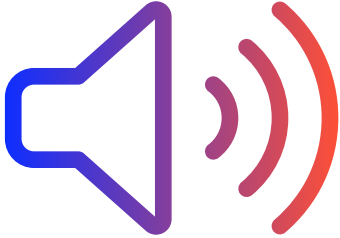
The message will say it is a test.

What the test alert looks like



The alert will look something like this.

What the test alert sounds like



The alert sounds like a loud alarm.

The sound will last about 10 seconds.

What to do if you get a test alert



You do not need to do anything.

This is only a test.

In a real emergency, the alert will tell you:

- what is happening
- where it is
- how serious it is
- what you should do
- who sent the alert
- where to get more information.

What to do if you do not get a test alert



You do not need to do anything.

You may not get an alert if:

- your device is not compatible
- your device was not connected to a mobile tower
- you were not in the test area at the right time.

If you want to give feedback:

- fill in the form on the AusAlert website.

<https://www.ausalert.gov.au/feedback>

If you do not want to receive the test alert



Alerts help keep people safe.

If the test may upset you, either:

- turn off your device
- use aeroplane mode.

Do this before the test time.

Keep your device off for at least one hour.

