

Staying safe during the AusAlert™ national test

Monday 27 July 2026

The Australian Government is launching AusAlert, a new national warning system. It will send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices during disasters such as bushfires, severe weather and public health emergencies.



Before AusAlert is ready to use in October 2026, the system needs to be tested across Australia.

This is called the AusAlert national test.

On **Monday 27 July**, your mobile devices – such as phones, tablets and smart watches – may receive a test alert at around:

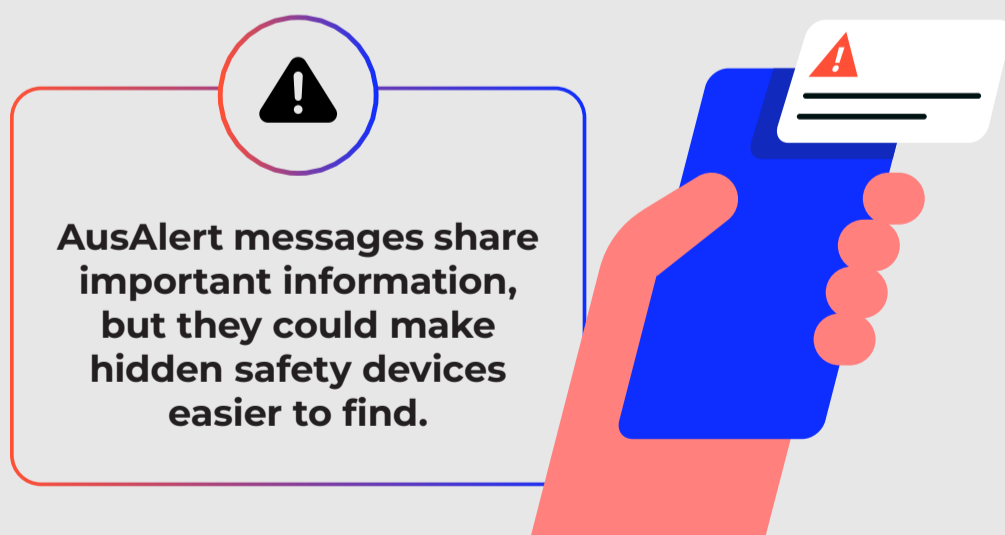
- **2:00 pm AEST** – Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania
- **1:30 pm ACST** – Northern Territory, South Australia, Broken Hill (NSW)
- **12:00 pm AWST** – Western Australia.

What you should do

If you think it might not be safe for you or someone you care about to receive the AusAlert national test, at least **one hour before the test time:**

- turn your safety devices off OR
- switch them to aeroplane mode (if you have it) AND
- leave them off for 24 hours.

Remember – you can still use wi-fi if your device is in aeroplane mode. If it doesn't have aeroplane mode, turn it off instead.



If your devices are turned on, the AusAlert national test may:

- make them vibrate
- play a loud siren-like sound for 10 seconds
- turn the screen on automatically.

This may happen even if the volume is turned down or your devices are on silent or do not disturb.

Help and advice

If you're worried about your immediate safety, call 000.

For advice or support:

- about your safety, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732

- in your local area, visit the ANROWS website at anrows.org.au/support-directory
- if you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, call 13YARN on 13 92 76.