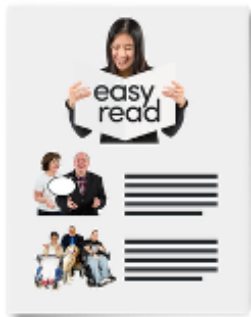


# Introducing AusAlert™



This document is written in an easy-to-read way.



We use pictures to explain some ideas.



Some words are written in **bold**.  
These words are the name of something.

**The Australian Government** wrote this document.

When you see 'we', it means **the Australian Government**.



You can ask for help to read this document.



A friend, family member or support person can help you.



This document is about **AusAlert**.



### What is AusAlert?

**AusAlert** is a new warning system for emergencies in Australia.



**AusAlert** can send messages to your:

- mobile phone
- smart watch
- tablet.

### Why is AusAlert important?

We send an **AusAlert** during emergencies.

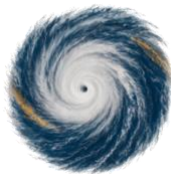
Emergencies can be:



- bushfires



- floods



- cyclones



- places where people aren't safe



- a big health problem.



An **AusAlert** will tell you:

- where the problem is
- how serious the problem is
- what you need to do next.

### When will AusAlert start?

**AusAlert** will start in October 2026.

We will test it in different places around Australia before it starts.

The tests are to see if **AusAlert** works like it is supposed to.

If the test works, you may get a sound and a message on your device.



### When will we test AusAlert?

We will do **community tests** in June 2026.

**Community tests** will only be in some places in Australia.



You can find out what places will have **community tests** on this website:

[www.ausalert.gov.au/alerts-explained/community-testing](http://www.ausalert.gov.au/alerts-explained/community-testing)



We will do a **national test** on Monday 27 July 2026.

A **national test** will be everywhere in Australia.



You can find out what time the **national test** will be in the place where you are on this website:

<https://www.ausalert.gov.au/alerts-explained/national-test>

### What will an AusAlert test look like?



An **AusAlert test** will have some words in English.

It will show on your device screen.

It will clearly say it is a test.



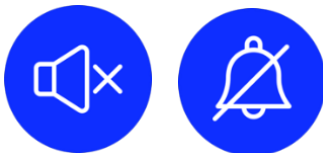
## What will an AusAlert test sound like?

An **AusAlert test** will:

- make your phone buzz or shake
- make a loud noise that sounds like a siren.



The sound will last for about 10 seconds before stopping.



It may make this sound even if your device is set to '**silent**' or '**do not disturb**'.

## What should you do if you get an AusAlert test message?



You do not need to do anything if you get an **AusAlert test** message.

It is just a test.



## Does everyone have to get an AusAlert test?

Getting an **AusAlert test** may feel stressful or unsafe.



If you do not want to get it, turn off your devices before the test time. Leave them off for one hour.



## What if you are driving or riding when AusAlert is being tested?

If you get an **AusAlert test** while driving or riding, stay calm.





The siren sound will stop after 10 seconds.



Do not look at your phone until your car is parked and turned off.

### What should you do if you get an AusAlert in a real emergency?



If you get an **AusAlert** in a real emergency, you should read it and do what it says.

Doing what an **AusAlert** says will help keep you and others safe.



You can learn more about **AusAlert** on this website:

[ausalert.gov.au](https://ausalert.gov.au)