

AusAlert website – Alerts explained



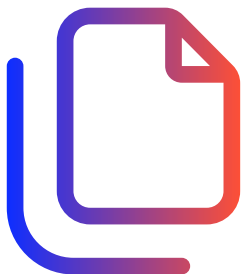
How to use this document

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 3 **Easy Read** documents that explain the **AusAlert** website.

This is the second document. It covers the 'Alerts explained' section of the website.

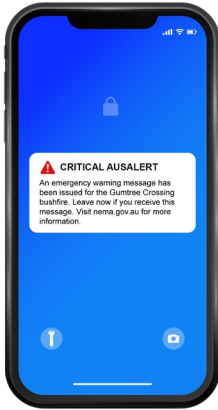
The other 2 **Easy Read** documents cover these sections of the **AusAlert** website:

- About us
- Receiving an alert.

You can find these documents on the **AusAlert** website:

www.ausalert.gov.au

Disaster alerts across Australia



AusAlert sends disaster alerts.

Alerts are sent to mobile devices like phones, tablets and smart watches.

The alerts warn about serious emergencies.

Emergency services send the alerts if the emergencies are local or regional.

The Australian Government can also send alerts if the emergencies are national.

Alerts help keep people safe.

Types of disasters



AusAlert warns about different emergencies.

Natural hazards

These are events in nature.

- Bushfires
- Floods
- Cyclones
- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis



Security threats

These are serious dangers to safety.

- Serious safety incidents
- Terrorism



Biosecurity incidents

These can affect animals, plants or people.

- Animal diseases
- Plant diseases
- Dangerous biological materials (biohazards)

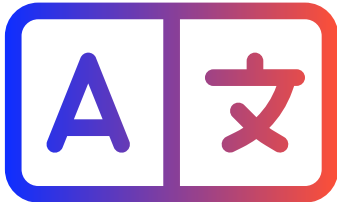


Health emergencies

These can affect the health of many people.

- Serious disease outbreaks (pandemics)
- Major health problems

AusAlert languages



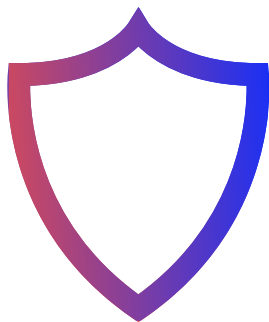
AusAlerts are written in English.

Information about **AusAlert** is available in 20 languages, including Auslan.

Find translated information on the **AusAlert** website.

www.ausalert.gov.au/community-resources/languages

You can trust AusAlert



AusAlert is run by **the Australian Government** and is safe and secure.

AusAlert will never:

- ask you for personal or financial information
- ask you to sign up or download an app.

If you get something suspicious, report it to ScamWatch at www.scamwatch.gov.au

Other ways to learn about an emergency



You can learn about an emergency in other ways.

For example:

- local radio
- television
- social media
- websites
- emergency apps
- friends and family.

ABC Radio is the official national emergency broadcaster.

Alerts to landline phones



Alerts can also be sent to landline phones.

This may happen if the landline phone is in the area near the emergency.

The landline phone message would be spoken.