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Fire and rescue station

## **Nationwide warning day: sirens wail on Thursday**

### **Cell broadcast technology in test use nationwide // Sirens wail out**

Bocholt - On Thursday, sirens will be sounding throughout Germany. Reason is the country wide warning day, at which also a new notification technology is to be tested this year.

When the sirens start wailing nationwide at around 11 a.m. on Thursday, it will not be a cause for alarm. Rather, on Thursday, during the so-called Warning Day, the various notification methods are tested throughout the Federal Republic.

In addition to radio and television announcements, these notification methods include local warning sirens and a technology that is being used for the first time in Germany: notification via "cell broadcast".

#### **What is Cell Broadcast?**

In simple terms, cell broadcast sends warning messages directly to the smartphone. Unlike SMS, the broadcast message is sent directly to devices within a cell - regardless of the network provider.

The advantage is that all persons in an area who have a suitable cell phone with them can be reached anonymously as recipients of a warning message, the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance informs.

[Further information on the subject is available on the website of the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance.](#) [↗](#)





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*Am Donnerstag wird erstmals die Cell-Broadcast-Technik getestet*