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Fire and rescue station

## Warning day in NRW: Thursday the sirens wail

On Thursday, 9 March, the alarm sirens will be sounding again throughout North Rhine-Westphalia and Bavaria. But don't worry: this is a test. In addition to the alarm sirens, the warnings via mobile phones, the so-called "cell broadcast", are also being tested.

### Mobile phones also give an acoustic warning signal

The notification via mobile devices was also tested nationwide in December. The clearly audible alarm signal is to be triggered at around 11 a.m. on all supported mobile devices.

A list of devices that can process an alert via cell broadcast is available [on the website of the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance](#) . (Status: February 2023)

## Frequently asked questions

### – What do the different warning signals mean?

- A **one-minute continuous tone, interrupted twice**, means an alert to the fire brigade. The tone has no further meaning for the civilian population.
- A one-minute continuous tone that sweeps **on and off continuously** is a warning tone for the population! When this signal sounds, you should close windows and doors, turn on the local radio station and listen for any loudspeaker announcements from the police and fire brigade.
- A **one-minute continuous tone** is a sign of an all-clear.

### – Should I call the emergency number in case of an alarm?

**No!** Please only dial the emergency number if there is actually an acute emergency!

### – Where can I get information about the right behaviour in crisis situations?

Current emergency information and tips for proper crisis preparation are compiled at [www.bocholt.de/krise](http://www.bocholt.de/krise).

There is also an emergency information page for the district of Borken at [akut.kreis-borken.de](http://akut.kreis-borken.de) ↗.