



Alert Day: Information for people who have fled war



Once a year – on the second Thursday of September – a nationwide alert day takes place across all of Germany. At about 11.00 am, a practice alert is sent out via a number of warning channels and devices. Sirens may also go off in your town. This is a technical test.

There is no danger! This is just a practice alert.

If you have children, please tell them about the practice alert. Feel free to spread this information to friends and family and on social media.

What will happen on Nationwide Alert Day?

On Nationwide Alert Day, the authorities involved will activate a number of alerts and warnings to test them. These alerts and warnings include:

- sirens,
- vehicles with loudspeakers,
- digital information boards, information systems of the German train company Deutsche Bahn,
- radio and television,
- mobile phones and smartphones (via the cell broadcast service or a warning app such as NINA, if installed).

An all-clear signal will be sent at around 11.45 am via most alert channels and devices. This will cancel the practice alert.

The practice alert serves to test the proper functioning of the technical procedures and the alert channels and devices themselves and to identify any flaws or weaknesses. These will then be fixed. Nationwide Alert Day also aims to inform the German public about the ways in which the authorities warn of danger.

What the different siren sounds mean

- Ascending and descending wailing tone (1 minute) means: “Danger – find out more information”



- Continuous tone (1 minute) “All clear – no more danger”

For more information, visit www.bundesweiter-warntag.de

