

## Siren signal and meaning

### Rise-and-fall pattern to warn of imminent danger



Seek further information from local radio

### All clear

Continuous tone



### Test sound

Combination of  
All clear—Warning—All clear

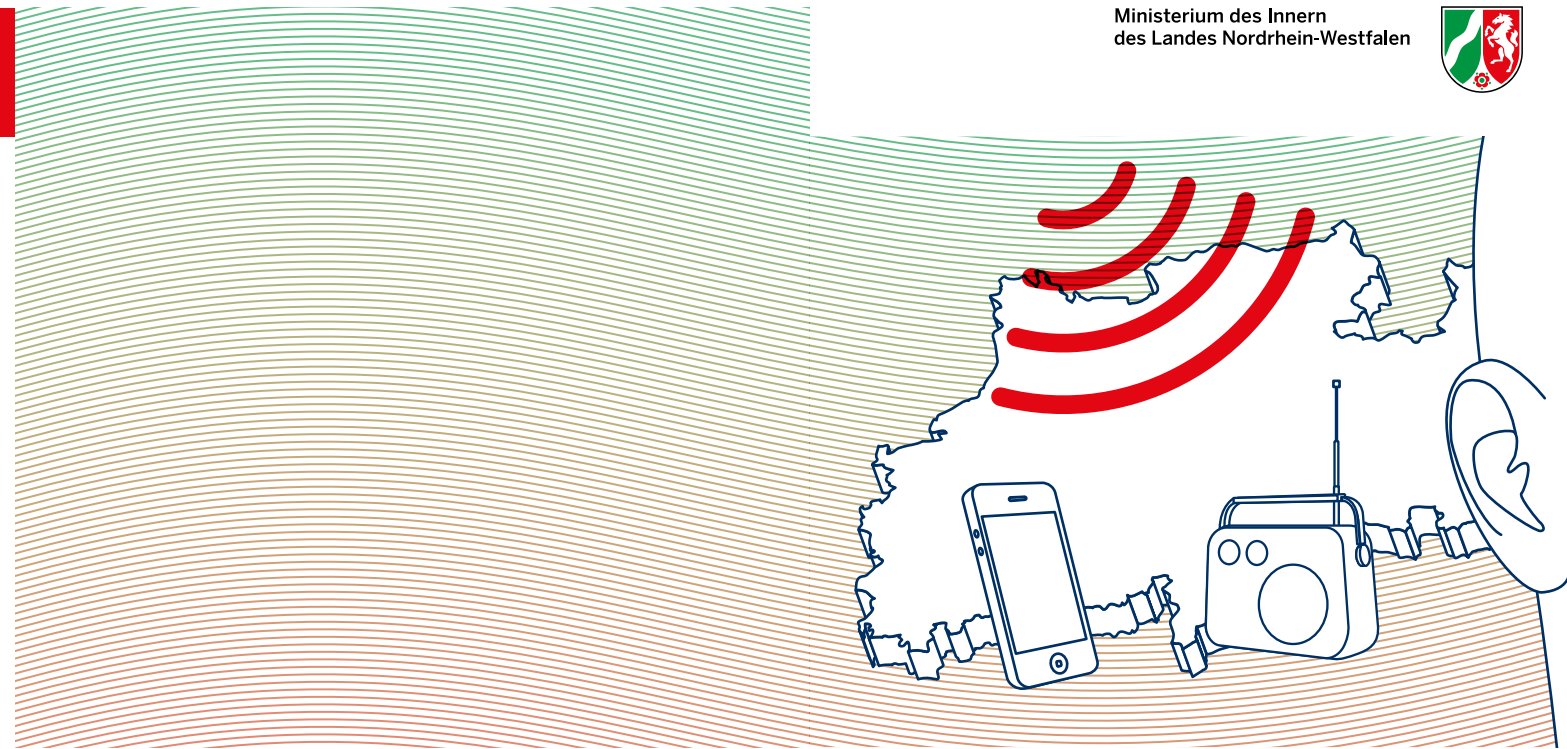


### Calling in firefighters

Continuous tone with two breaks



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**In North Rhine-Westphalia, sirens are tested every September during a state-wide 'Warning Day'.**

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## What kind of emergency will trigger an alert?

Major incidents or emergencies likely to have an impact on your safety or your property.

Alerts will be given locally, so that you can prepare and act appropriately.

An alert might be triggered by

- large fire
- severe weather
- flooding
- imminent bomb disposal activities
- HazMat leak or spill
- any other imminent danger



## What kind of warning device will be used?

Often, a combination of alert systems will be employed.

Various techniques are available:

- sirens
- vehicle-mounted loudspeakers
- radio and television
- smartphone apps, such as **NINA**
- social media

## What to do

*My safety is also my responsibility*

Observe safety/security advice:

- Stay calm
- Proceed to/evacuate ... building/apartment
- Inform your neighbours
- Close doors/windows
- Turn on radio and tune in to local station (car radio in the event of power cut)
- Keep the 110 and 112 lines open for emergencies only

### Emergency develops

Large fire: one major threat is smoke

### Hearing the siren signal

Residents warned of approaching danger



**Siren is wailing—what to do?**

### React properly

e.g. by closing doors and windows

### Get more information

Seek further information from local radio



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