



Public warning sirens are tested on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of public holidays

Public warning sirens are tested at 12.00 noon on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of public holidays, by sounding a test signal. The purpose of the test is to help detect any faults in the system. Rescue departments and the Emergency Response Centre Agency are responsible for testing the warning sirens.

The test signal is a continuous sound that lasts for seven seconds. The system's voice connection may also be tested at the same time. In that case, the announcement 'hälyttimien kokeilu, prov alarm, testing sirens' will be played. The test signal does not require people in the area to take any action.

The public warning system does not cover the whole country. Sirens are primarily located in areas with the highest number of people. The warning sirens are mainly intended to warn people who are outdoors, and the sound may not be loud enough to be heard indoors at all. The terrain, the built environment and the weather also affect the audibility of the sirens.

The public warning signal is part of a multi-channel warning system

It is important that everyone be able to recognise the test and warning signals and know what to do when they hear the public warning signal. The public warning signal is sounded to warn people in the area, for example in the event of hazardous smoke or a gas leak. The public warning signal is a rising and falling sound lasting for one minute. If you hear it

while outside, seek shelter indoors. Once inside, close the doors, windows and air vents, and shut off ventilation, if possible. The all-clear signal is a continuous sound lasting for one minute. It indicates that the threat or danger has passed.

The authorities have many ways to warn people. The most important method is an emergency warning, which is always issued as the public warning signal goes off. The emergency warning is read out on the radio and displayed on teletext page 112 and, if necessary, on television as running text at top of the screen. The emergency warning is also published through the 112 Suomi mobile app, the YLE Uutisvahti news feed application and on the pelastustoimi.fi and 112.fi sites.

Downloading the 112 Suomi application on your smartphone is highly recommended. The application contains important safety information, and calling the emergency number through the application enables the emergency response centre to automatically locate the caller, which makes it easier for the assistance to reach its destination.