

# New UK Government Emergency Alert



The UK Government are testing their new emergency alert system on 23 April 2023



This is a new UK Government service that will warn you if there is a danger to life nearby.



In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will get an alert with advice about how to stay safe.



The test alert will be at **3:00pm on Sunday 23 April 2023.**

# What will happen



All mobile phones and tablets that use 4G and 5G will get an alert.

Your mobile phone or tablet might:



- Make a loud sound, even if it is set to silent.
- Vibrate.
- Read out a message.



This will last for about 10 seconds.

There will be a message on your screen saying:



**This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby.**



In an actual emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe.



Visit [gov.uk/alerts](https://www.gov.uk/alerts) for more information.



You do not need to do anything. This is a test to make sure the alerts work.



You might also receive the same message in Welsh.



The Government does not need your phone number or any of your details to send you the alert.



Your mobile phone or tablet does not have to have mobile data or WiFi to get the alert.



If you are driving when you get the alert, you should carry on driving. Do not pick up the phone.



If you do not want to get the test alert, you can switch your phone off or put it on aeroplane mode.



If you do not want to get any emergency alerts in the future, you will need to:



- Look in your phone Settings and find Emergency alerts.
- Turn off severe and extreme alerts.



If this does not work, you will need to ask your phone provider.

# Why the UK Government are doing the test



They want to make sure that the alert works. In the future the government or police might use alerts to tell you about:



- flooding



- fires



- bad weather



They will not send you alerts very often. The alerts are to help keep you safe.



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