

WHAT TO DO IF A SIREN IS SOUNDING

OFFICIAL UPDATES LU-Alert · RTL, 100.7 · 112

DO THIS NOW

- 1** Go inside the nearest sturdy building, now, and take anyone near you with you. A car, a bus stop or a tent is not protection.
- 2** Close the doors, windows and shutters. Switch off ventilation, heating and air conditioning to keep outside air out.
- 3** Stay in a room away from doors and windows. Do not go back out to see what is happening.
- 4** Switch on the radio, **RTL, 100.7**, and look at your phone. A LU-Alert message tells you what the siren is about and what to do next.
- 5** Keep the phone lines free. Call **112** only if someone is hurt, never to ask what is going on.
- 6** Leave the children where they are. Schools and crèches have their own instructions, and the authorities look after them.
- 7** Stay inside until the end-of-alarm signal sounds or an official message says the danger is over. Listen to the signals on Alerts and sirens.

BEFORE

KNOW THE SIGNALS

- Learn the signals before you hear them: a test, a warning, an alarm and the end of the alarm each sound different. The full table, with sound samples, is on **Alerts and sirens**.
- Sirens are tested every month at a fixed time. The test date is on the same page. A siren at any other time is real.
- A siren can be used for several kinds of danger. Whatever the cause, the first step is the same: get inside. If the alert is nuclear, go on to **Nuclear alert**.
- Know the four alert levels, from yellow to purple, so that you can read an alert message at a glance.

OLDER DOCUMENTS SAY

The infocrise nuclear brochure (2014 text, listed as 2021) describes different signals: warbling with two 12 s pauses = nuclear alarm; 1 min continuous = all clear. Current LU-Alert signals above take precedence.

PREPARE THE PHONE AND THE HOME

- Install the LU-Alert app and check in your phone settings that emergency alerts are switched on. A cell broadcast alert sounds even when the phone is on silent.
- Learn how to switch off the ventilation, the heating and the air conditioning at home and at work.
- Keep wide tape in the kit to seal gaps around windows and vents if you are told to.
- Keep a battery or wind-up radio, a torch and a charged power bank where you can find them in the dark. See the **emergency kit checklist**.
- Agree with your household that each person shelters where they are, and that nobody drives across town to collect the others. Write it into your **household plan**.

AFTER

- Come out only after the end-of-alarm signal or an official message. The same channels that warned you will tell you when it is over.
- Open the windows and switch the heating and ventilation back on only when you are told it is safe to do so.
- If it was the monthly test, check that everyone knows where the radio and the kit are, and that the alert sounded on your phone.
- A siren is frightening. Talking it through afterwards with your household, children included, helps everyone settle again.

IF YOU ARE...

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN

- Practise the rule in simple words: "when the siren sounds, we go inside and shut the windows." Children who know the rule are less afraid.
- Do not drive to the school or the crèche. The staff keep the children inside and follow the official instructions.

OLDER, ILL, OR LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

- If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may not hear a siren. Set your phone to vibrate for emergency alerts, and ask a neighbour to knock on your door when one sounds.
- If you need help to shut windows or to move to another room, tell a neighbour now, before anything happens.

WITH PETS

- Bring them inside with you and keep them in. Keep their food and water with yours.

OUTDOORS OR IN A CAR

- Go into the nearest building, even a shop or an office. Ask to come in.
- If there is no building near you, stay in the car with the windows shut and the ventilation off, and switch on the car radio.

EASY-READ SUMMARY

 A siren means: go inside now.

 Close the windows and switch off the ventilation.

 Switch on the radio and look at your phone.

 Only call for help if someone is hurt.

 Stay inside until the all-clear.