

The Civil Defence will test air raid sirens on 14 June

The Norwegian Civil Defence tests its public warning system (air raid sirens) twice a year, in January and in June, to check that the system is working and repair faulty equipment.

On Wednesday 14 June at 12.00, the signal 'Important message – seek information' will be tested in all municipalities equipped with such a warning system.

The signal

The siren will sound in three series with one minute of silence between series. This signal means that you should seek information from, for example, radio, television, newspapers, official websites and social media.

Air raid sirens

Norway has 1,250 such air raid sirens with which to warn the population in the event of imminent danger. Most of these warning systems are located in towns and cities, and about half the population of Norway will be able to hear the sirens.

Emergency Alert System

The emergency alert on the mobile phone is a supplement to the Civil Defense's siren system and the police's established notification routines. If you are in an area where there is an acute danger or a dangerous situation, the police can send a warning about what is happening and what you should do to protect yourself.

The warning test on 14 June will be initiated all over the country, at around 12.00. This will mean that mobile telephones over all of Norway will vibrate and play a high-volume sound, and at the same time, warning sirens will be activated.

This very extensive warning test will readily be heard, particularly where large numbers of people are gathered and many devices will play a sound at the same time. It is a good idea to share this information about the warning system test with your immediate family, so that as many as possible will be prepared and aware that this is only a test.

See www.nodvarsel.no for more information