



Federal Office  
of Civil Protection and  
Disaster Assistance

# Warning of Hazards

preparation – awareness – action



BBK. Working together. Living in safety.

# How will information be provided?

Hazards can occur suddenly and unexpectedly. Official warning messages provide important information on the situation: **What happened? Where did it happen? What can I do?**

The information is meant to reach as many people as possible. That is why there are different ways of spreading information:

## Radio & Television



## Digital information screens





**Loudspeaker vans**



**Websites**



**Family and friends,  
neighbours**



**Mobile phones**



**Sirens**

# What can you do?

**Warning App NINA:** Install the Emergency Information and News App NINA of the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK) on your mobile phone. Add regions in the app to subscribe to hazard information that is relevant to you. Find out what to do in an emergency and how to prepare.

Tips for emergency preparedness are available in the warning app NINA or at [bbk.bund.de/EN](https://bbk.bund.de/EN).

**Cell Broadcast:** If your mobile phone has Android version 11 or iOS version 16.1 (or later) installed, you can also receive alerts directly to your mobile phone via the Cell Broadcast service. Your device must be switched on and have phone service.

For more information, please visit [bbk.bund.de/cellbroadcast](https://bbk.bund.de/cellbroadcast) (available only in German).

**Radio and television:** Almost all German-language radio and TV stations are connected to the German warning system. In an emergency, tune in to your local radio or television stations to receive up-to-date information.

# How can you help?

Your contribution is important! You can pass on information – to family and friends, to neighbours and colleagues, to people on the street or on the bus. This way you can help spread news of imminent danger and everyone can prepare, even the people we could not reach via mobile phone, radio or other means.

# What do we warn about?



Emergency number outage



Biological hazard



Bomb discovery



Chemical accident



Conflagration



Flooding



Risk of infection



Missile attack



Contaminated drinking water



Forest fire

## Emergency preparedness? Easier than you think.

Familiarise yourself with possible risks and the German public warning system. This will help you better protect yourself and others when it matters most.

You can find useful tips, detailed information and various brochures under “Prepare for disasters” at:  
[www.bbk.bund.de/EN](http://www.bbk.bund.de/EN)

# This is what the siren signals mean

## Danger warning



Siren wail (ascending/descending tone)  
that lasts one minute

Warning – danger. Find more information.

## All clear



Continuous siren tone that lasts one  
minute

All clear – no more danger.

Scan the QR code for your operating system  
to download the NINA warning app for free:



# NINA

Notfall-Informations- und Nachrichten-App



iOS



Android

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