



WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are emergency messages sent by authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier.

During an emergency, alert and warning officials need to provide the public with life-saving information quickly. WEAs are made available through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) infrastructure. WEAs are just one of the ways public safety officials can quickly and effectively alert and warn the public about serious emergencies.

What You Need to Know about WEAs:

- WEAs can be sent by state and local public safety officials, the National Weather Service, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the President of the United States.
- WEAs can be issued for three alert categories: Imminent Threat, AMBER and Presidential.
- WEAs look like text messages but are designed to get your attention and alert you with a unique sound and vibration, both repeated twice.
- WEAs are no more than 90 characters and will include the type and time of the alert, any action you should take, as well as the agency issuing the alert.
- WEAs are not affected by network congestions and will not disrupt texts, calls or data sessions that are in progress.
- Mobile uses are not charged for receiving WEAs; there is no need to subscribe.
- To ensure your mobile device is WEA-capable, check with your service provider.

