

Public Alert Devices

Sirens are sometimes used as part of an integrated warning system that links sirens with other warning media such as the radio and TV Emergency Alert System, NOAA Weather Radio, telephone alerting systems, Reverse 911, Cable Override and wireless alerting systems in the United States.

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting National Weather Service (NWS) warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day.

Weather radios equipped with a special alarm tone feature can sound an alert and give immediate information about a life-threatening situation.

Weather radios come in many sizes and with a variety of functions and costs; from simple, battery- operated portables, to CB radios, scanners, short wave sets, and in some cars and TV's .

To learn more about NOAA weather radios go to the website <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/radio/about/>



To learn more visit our website at :

www.accesskent.com/LEPC

Or call:

(616)-632-6256

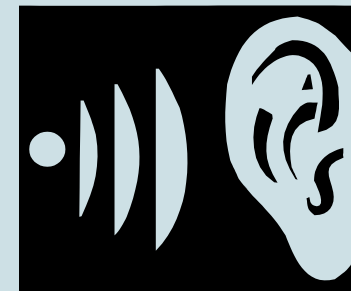
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What Does That Siren Mean?



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Sirens Warn of Danger to the Community....and you!

The Siren Has Sounded!

1. Seek shelter indoors.
2. Tune to your local radio or television station for official announcements.
3. Implement your family emergency plan.



Community sirens are used when the National Weather Service has issued a tornado or high wind warning **OR** when

there is a chemical emergency or other community danger.

Do not call 911 to ask questions.

Listen carefully to the news media, to find out:

- *What is happening
- *Where it is happening
- *Will it involve you
- *What you have to do

REMEMBER

Local sirens are tested on the first Friday of each month, from April through October, at Noon.

Stay Safe, Take Shelter



Inside. The safest place to take shelter during high winds or a tornado is underground in a basement under something sturdy. If there is no basement, take cover in the center of the house or building on the lowest floor in a small room (such as a bathroom or closet). The more walls between you and the outside the safer you may be.

Mobile Home. Residents in a mobile home should seek shelter elsewhere at the first sign of severe weather. Contact the Park Manager prior to an emergency for information on available substantial shelters.

In a vehicle. If you are driving when a tornado warning is issued, seek shelter in a safe structure, ditch or ravine away from the vehicle. **Do not seek shelter under a highway overpass.**

Outside. If you are out of doors away from any sturdy building, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and hold onto something on the ground if possible.

Create a Family Emergency Plan

Know and Plan What You and Your Family Need To Do For Each Type Of Disaster.

1. Pick two (2) places to meet:
 - A. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
 - B. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

Everyone must know the address and phone number of this location.

2. Post emergency numbers by the phones
3. Teach children how and when to call 911.

Create a Safety Kit, **INCLUDE...**

- * Flashlight
- * Battery operated radio
- * Extra Batteries
- * Bottled water
- * Food, snacks
- * Canned food
- * Can opener
- * Cell phone
- * Heavy plastic
- * Duct tape
- * Extra clothing
- * Towels
- * First aid kit

