

Nationwide public warning test on December 10

On Wednesday, December 10, the Estonian Rescue Services Agency will conduct public warning system **EE-ALARM** test. On this day, all public warning channels will be activated, including sirens (see siren locations below).

- **Around midday**, a **text message** (SMS) will be sent to mobile phones with advance information about the test.
- Between **15:00 and 15:10**, alerts will be sent via the **Eesti app** and the “**Ole valmis!**” mobile application.
- Around **15:00–15:10**, public warning ticker messages will appear on **ERR channels** (ETV, ETV+, ERR.ee website and the “ERR News” app).
- **Sirens** will sound between **15:00 and 15:10**.

NB! The text message (SMS) will be sent only once as a preliminary notification and will not be resent when other public warning channels are activated.

Important to know:

- Inform your family members, especially children and the elderly, that it is only a test and there is no real danger.
- To receive public warning message via mobile apps, download the Eesti app or the “Ole valmis!” app and enable notifications. The sender of the app notifications and SMS messages will always be EE-ALARM.
- You can find more detailed information about the EE-ALARM public warning system on the website www.olevalmis.ee, where you can also listen to the siren sound.
- Sirens are intended to alert the people who are outdoors and may not be heard indoors. Other channels are used to alert people indoors.
- On the day of the test, continue your normal daily activities.
- Help improve the public warning system: after the test, provide your feedback on the website www.kriis.ee. This will help the Rescue Service assess the overall functionality of the system and identify possible shortcomings.

Why is testing necessary?

In a real emergency, the public warning system must work flawlessly. It is important to check the reliability of the system and ensure that recent improvements and updates function as intended. The Estonian Rescue Service Agency will continue to test different public warning channels, either together or separately, more frequently in the future.

Sirens may be heard in the following locations:

Ahtme, Haapsalu, Jõgeva, Jõhvi, Keila, Kohtla-Järve, Kuressaare, Kärdla, Maardu, Narva, Paide, Paldiski, Pärnu, Põlva, Rakvere, Rapla, Sillamäe, Tallinn and its surrounding densely populated areas (including Tabasalu, Harkujärve area, Saue and Laagri, Peetri, Saku, Viimsi), Tapa, Tartu, Valga, Viljandi, Võru.

Map of siren locations in Estonia:

