

Test of physical sirens and warning system on mobile phones 2026

The National Police of Denmark and the Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) test the warning systems on the first Wednesday of May each year.

This year the test will take place on:

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026 AT 12:00 (NOON)

As in previous years, the authorities will test both the warning sirens mounted on rooftops and masts, as well as S!RENEN, which can alert you via mobile phone.

During the test, both the outdoor warning sirens and mobile phones will emit sound alerts.

DEMA encourages all authorities and relevant organisations to inform stakeholders about the test. You are welcome to use the enclosed materials, which may be printed, displayed, or forwarded to relevant recipients.

Further material is available on DEMA's website: [Public warnings](#), where additional information about the test can also be found. Information about **S!RENEN** is available at [sirenen.dk](#). Both websites provide materials in several languages.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at kontakt@sirenen.dk.

Best Regards

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Test of warning systems

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026, FROM 12:00 TO 12:15, the Danish Emergency Management Agency and the police will test the warning sirens mounted on rooftops and masts, as well as S!RENEN on mobile phones.

Warning via sirens

The sirens will sound three times. The first two signals are the warning signal. The warning signal rises rapidly and falls slowly four times during each signal. The final signal is the all-clear signal: one long continuous tone.

You should only call 1-1-2 if you have an urgent need for assistance from the police, ambulance service or fire and rescue service. Unnecessary calls regarding the warning system test may block the emergency call centre and prevent critical calls from getting through.

Warning via mobile phones

- Mobile phones will emit one alert signal.
- It is not an app and no registration is required.
- The vast majority of mobile phones will receive the test alert.
- If your phone is capable of receiving the alert, it cannot be disabled or silenced.
- If your mobile phone is switched off, it will not receive the alert.
- If your mobile phone is connected to headphones or a headset, the volume may be reduced. The same applies if the phone is held to your ear.
- Mobile phones without a SIM card may, depending on the model, receive the alert if the phone is switched on.
- Mobile phones in flight mode may, depending on the model, receive the alert when flight mode is turned off.
- If you do not wish to receive the test alert, switch off your phone before 12:00 and switch it on again after 12:20.

You should only call 1-1-2 if you have an urgent need for assistance from the police, ambulance service or fire and rescue service. Unnecessary calls regarding the warning system test may block the emergency call centre and prevent critical calls from getting through.

Read more about S!RENEN at sirenen.dk.

Read more about the warning system testing at [Public warnings](#).