

Emergency alerts

ACTION CHECKLIST

Check an official alert for your exact location, hazard, timing and required action. Enable emergency alerts on your phone and add local emergency management notifications. Keep a battery radio as backup rather than relying on one app.

[] Enable phone alerts

Review emergency notification settings and keep the phone charged.

[] Add local channels

Sign up with your county or city emergency management office and utility.

[] Use weather backup

For weather hazards, use NOAA Weather Radio or your local official warning service.

[] Read the action

Distinguish preparation notices from instructions to shelter or evacuate.

WATCH FOR

Alerts can be delayed or missed. Act on obvious immediate danger and natural warning signs.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Treat direct signs of danger as a reason to act even if an alert has not arrived. Compare a battery-radio bulletin with another independently obtained source when possible. Record the place and time; an old screenshot can be dangerously misleading.

Updated 2026-10-02 | Civilian educational guidance. Seek qualified help when reachable and safe; do not delay immediate protective action.

Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/preparedness/emergency-alerts/>

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