



Information leaflet

Siren alarm – what should I do?

Dear fellow citizens,

a disaster usually occurs when no one is prepared for it. Especially at night, it is difficult to warn the public quickly and extensively or to inform them promptly if there is acute danger.

Warning the public of dangers is an important statutory task of districts, towns and municipalities. One way of quickly alerting large sections of the public to a danger is to trigger an acoustic signal using sirens. The security and property of citizens can be at risk during disasters and major damage events. Darmstadt has a siren warning system for such situations.

Please note the following information about the siren signals and their meaning.



Warning

– There is a hazard –



You will hear a rising and falling howling sound for **1 minute**.

Rules of conduct:

- If there is a hazard, find a closed building immediately and think of helpless people in the vicinity
- Close windows and doors, shut off ventilation and air conditioning systems
- Obtain information:
 - Switch on the radio (HR, Radio FFH)
 - Internet
 - Warn apps

Note

In the event of major damage, the City of Darmstadt Fire Department will set up an information hotline.

Telephone number **(06151) 13-2060**

All-clear

– The hazard is no longer present –



You will hear a continuous tone for **1 minute**:
End of acute danger

Alerting the fire brigade



You will hear a continuous tone for **1 minute**,
interrupted twice

Short trial



You will hear a tone that lasts a **few seconds**. This will be repeated if necessary.
Short trial for technical testing of the sirens.

In Darmstadt siren trial alarms are carried out several times a year. These will be announced in good time through the media and on the Darmstadt Fire Department website.

NINA Warn App

The Federal Government's "NINA" emergency information and messaging app provides you with all possible warnings, which are automatically forwarded to other warning apps (e.g. BIWAPP and hessenWARN).



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Civil Protection

The siren alarm is a so-called civil defence signal. Civil protection describes measures for preventing hazards to the civilian population. The international civil protection symbol is an equilateral blue triangle on an orange background.

More information on civil protection
www.bbk.bund.de

Emergency call 112

In case of accidents, fires or in acute, possibly life-threatening emergency situations



This leaflet as well as information about siren can be found in other languages under the following link:

<https://www.feuerwehr-darmstadt.de/buergerinfo/warnung-der-bevoelkerung/sirenen/>

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