

Press Release

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Nationwide Alert Day on 14 September **State capital is to participate with sirens for the first time**

Siren rehearsal in Schwerin on 14.09.2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. There is no danger!

Under the auspices of the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK), the next nationwide Alert Day is to be held on Thursday, 14 September 2023. The entire Federal Republic of Germany is to simultaneously receive alerts at 11 a.m. on the various warning media. These include classic media such as radio and television, warning apps such as NINA, city information boards, cell broadcast and sirens. As many people as possible are to be given the opportunity of being notified by the warning systems at a very early stage.

The State capital is to participate with its own sirens in the city area for the first time this year. A total of 13 out of 17 planned siren systems are to be ready for use by the Alert Day. These are located in almost all parts of the city, to enable the warning signal to be heard everywhere. The sirens are already installed in Warnitz, Wickendorf, Wüstmark, Neu Zippendorf, Großer Dreesch, Ostorf, Schelfstadt, Weststadt, Neumühle, Lankow, Werdervorstadt/Lewenberg, Görries, Krebsförden. (The sirens in Friedrichsthal, Mueßer Holz, Feldstadt and in the industrial park are not yet operational).

"The test warnings give the people of Schwerin the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the siren signal," says the head of the fire and rescue service, Dr Stephan Jakobi.

The siren warning is to consist of a 1-minute continuous tone at 11.00 am. This is followed by the "population warning" signal with a 1-minute howling tone. Finally, at around 11.45 a.m., the "all clear" signal is sounded. All siren signals are also available in audio format at www.schwerin.de/Katastrophenschutz. There is also an overview in several languages with explanations and on the correct behaviour in the event of a siren warning.