

PROPOSED STATIC ALERT TEMPLATES

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On February 15, 2024, the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau proposed that wireless providers participating in Wireless Emergency Alerts implement the below English-language alert message templates. These are not the final versions of the templates and should not be used in an emergency situation or for any other reason. The Bureau seeks comment on whether the templates themselves are ones that are most commonly used by alert originators, whether the templates themselves reflect the most time-sensitive emergencies, and whether these templates would be effective at conveying alerts during emergencies. More information about this proceeding may be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/multilingual-wireless-emergency-alerts>.

Alert Type	Alert Template
MOST COMMONLY ISSUED ALERTS	
Tornado Warning	TORNADO EMERGENCY. Tornado spotted in this area. This is a life-threatening situation. Take shelter now in a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. If you are outdoors, in a mobile home, or in a vehicle, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Check media.
Flash Flood Warning	A FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY in effect for this area. This is an extremely dangerous and life-threatening situation. Do not attempt to travel unless you are fleeing an area subject to flooding or under an evacuation order.
Severe Thunderstorm Warning	SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING in effect for this area for DESTRUCTIVE 80 mile per hour winds. Take shelter in a sturdy building, away from windows. Flying debris may be deadly to those caught without shelter.
Snow Squall Warning	SNOW SQUALL WARNING in effect for this area. Slow down or delay travel! Be ready for a sudden drop to near zero visibility and icy roads in heavy snow.
Dust Storm Warning	DUST STORM WARNING for this area. Be ready for sudden drop to zero visibility. Pull Aside, Stay Alive! When visibility drops, pull far off the road and put your vehicle in park. Turn the lights off and keep your foot off the brake. Infants, the elderly and those with respiratory issues urged to take precautions.
Hurricane Warning	A HURRICANE WARNING is in effect for this area for dangerous and damaging winds. This warning is issued up to 36 hours before hazardous conditions begin. Urgently complete efforts to protect life and property. Have food, water, cash, fuel, and medications for 3+ days. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS.
Storm Surge Warning	A STORM SURGE WARNING is in effect for this area for the danger of life-threatening flooding. This warning is issued up to 36 hours before hazardous conditions begin. Urgently complete efforts to protect life and property. Follow evacuation orders if given for this area to avoid drowning or being cut off from emergency services.

Extreme Wind Warning	An EXTREME WIND WARNING is in effect for this area for the immediate danger of life-threatening winds. Take cover NOW in an interior room of a sturdy building, away from windows. Protect your head from flying debris. Do NOT go out in the calm of the hurricane eye! Winds will quickly become dangerous again.
Test Alert	THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. The purpose is to maintain and improve alert and warning capabilities at the federal, state, local, Tribal and territorial levels and to evaluate the nation's public alert and warning capabilities. No action is required by the public.
MOST TIME SENSITIVE ALERTS	
Tsunami Warning	TSUNAMI WARNING. A series of powerful waves and strong currents may impact coasts near you. You are in danger. Get away from coastal waters. Move to high ground or inland now. Keep away from the coast until local officials say it is safe to return.
Earthquake Warning	EARTHQUAKE DETECTED! Drop, Cover, Hold On. Protect Yourself.
Boil Water Advisory	BOIL WATER ALERT issued for your area. Water in your community can make you sick. Use bottled water if available. Do not drink, cook with, brush your teeth with, or clean your home with tap or filtered water until you boil it. Bring water to a full rolling boil for THREE MINUTES. Let water cool before use. Do not use ice made with water that has not been boiled. If you use formula to feed your child, use ready-to-use formula. Make sure pets do not drink water that has not been boiled. Check local media.
911 Outage Alert	911 OUTAGE ALERT in this area. Please contact police, fire, medical, or other emergency services directly at their local phone numbers in case of emergency. If you dial 911, you may not get help.
Avalanche Warning	AVALANCHE WARNING in this area. Unstable, fast-moving snow can happen quickly, causing injury or death and can block roads and damage property in affected areas. LEAVE this area. DO NOT return to area after evacuation until directed by local officials. Travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended. Avalanches may run long distances.
Fire Warning	FIRE WARNING in this area. Evacuate your family and pets now, do not delay. Visibility in area will be reduced and roads can become blocked. If you do not leave now, you could be trapped, injured, or killed. Expect reduced visibility, heavy smoke, and difficulty breathing. Be careful when driving. Watch for public safety personnel operating in the area and follow their instructions.
Hazardous Materials Warning	A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS release has occurred in your area. Exposure may cause difficulty breathing, loss of coordination, burning sensation in eyes, nose, throat, or lungs, nausea, and possibly death. LEAVE this area. IF DRIVING to evacuate area, keep car windows and vents closed. DO NOT return to area after evacuation until directed by local officials.
Evacuation Immediate	EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY. Evacuation order issued in your area. Evacuate your family and pets now, do not delay. Watch for public safety personnel operating in the area and follow their instructions.
Shelter in Place Warning	SHELTER IN PLACE WARNING issued in your area. Danger in your area. Go inside to an interior room, close the doors and windows, and stay where you are. Check local media. Stay alert and use caution.