



Testing of Outdoor Sirens

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

AT NOON

SIREN ALERTING AND WARNING SYSTEM

The City of Oakland, and UC Berkeley have installed Alerting & Warning sirens to alert and inform their communities in a disaster.

- Sirens will sound in the event of dangers resulting from earthquakes, chemical spills, large fires, terrorist acts or other public safety incidents.
- Monthly testing: A 90-second slow wail tone will occur the first Wednesday of each month at noon to test both system readiness and enhance public awareness of the system.

A siren sound alert outside of the monthly testing means that there is an emergency in your area, a potentially dangerous condition or an impending threat. You should turn your radio to one of the following local emergency broadcast news stations: KCBS (740 AM), KGO (810 AM) or KNBR (680 AM) and consult other media sources to confirm event details.

There are three distinct notification sounds to indicate the type of the emergency:

Steady Tone

Shelter in Place: Three-minute steady tone to alert the public to take shelter. Consult media sources to confirm event details.

Slow Wail

Tsunami Alert: Three-minute slow wail tone to alert the public that a Tsunami is possible or eminent. Consult media sources to confirm event details.

Fast Wail:

Fire Alert: Three-minute fast wail tone to alert the public that there is a fire. Consult media sources to confirm event details.

Information line for Hearing Impaired

Oakland Assistance Center 510-444-CITY (2489) or TTY (510) 238-3254

Foreign Language line

Oakland Assistance Center (510) 444-CITY (2489)

General Information

Emergency Management Services Division (510) 238-3938 or FAX: (510) 238-7761