

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HEAR EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS

In Berrien County, we use early-warning sirens and cell phone texts to alert you of a serious emergency. Such emergencies include a nuclear accident, chemical spill, severe weather or other possible dangerous condition in our county.

▶ **If the emergency warning siren sounds for three to five minutes, tune to any TV station or radio station listed in this section, or check your cell phone or other wireless communication device for emergency messages.** Berrien County uses a national alert and warning system to send emergency messages to you.

- Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages are sent through TV and radio stations. All of the TV and radio stations listed here are part of the EAS. Some of the stations may experience a delay in getting emergency information out due to computerized programming or limited broadcast scheduling. Check all of the listed stations until you find one that is broadcasting emergency information.

- Cell phones and other wireless devices receive Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). If your wireless carrier participates in the WEA system you will receive emergency alerts automatically. WEA messages are not charged to your wireless data plan.

▶ **If you hear an emergency siren that lasts for less than a minute or a siren that repeats in less-than-a-minute intervals, it is probably calling a volunteer fire department.** To be sure, tune to any radio or TV station listed here or check your cell phone for emergency messages.

▶ **If you notice that an emergency siren is damaged or not working, call 269-926-2638 or 269-983-3060 immediately.** The Berrien County Emergency Management Office activates the sirens. For your protection, report non-working sirens right away.

Vacationers and Visitors

If you hear emergency sirens while vacationing or visiting in the area, seek shelter indoors or in your vehicle. Tune to one of the TV or radio stations listed on this page. Follow all directions given by park officials, sheriff and police officers. **During a weather emergency, do not stay in your vehicle. It is not safe!**

Boaters and Campers

If you hear emergency sirens while boating, do not wait for further warning. Tune to the marine channel 16 (156.8 MHz) or to an area radio station listed on the right for emergency information. Marine patrol boats will also warn boaters on Lake Michigan if there is a serious emergency. You will be told the location of safe waterways and docking areas.

If you hear emergency sirens while camping, hiking, swimming or visiting in area parks, follow all emergency instructions from park officials. At Warren Dunes and Grand Mere state parks, officials will use the public address system or mobile alert units to let you know what to do. At other local parks, immediately tune to an area radio station listed on the right and follow instructions.



THE SIRENS ARE TESTED ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1 P.M.

All monthly tests, except for April, consist of a short siren sound lasting less than a minute. On the first Saturday of April, we test all emergency warning sirens for three minutes at 1 p.m. as part of our comprehensive safety plan. At other times, you may hear sound-level tests also lasting less than a minute.

Area radio and TV stations

TUNE TO ONE OF THESE RADIO OR TV STATIONS FOR EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Radio		
AM	FM	
WNIL - 1290 WSJM - 1400	WAUS - 90.7 WSJM - 94.9 WTRC - 95.3	WEFM - 95.9 WYZT - 97.5 WCXT - 98.3 WQLQ - 99.9 WAOR - 102.7 WCSY - 103.7 WIRX - 107.1
TV		
WNDU - NBC 16 WNDU - NBC 16.1 WNDU - 16.2	WSBT - CBS 22 WSBT - CBS 22.1 WSBT - FOX 22.2	WBND - ABC 57 WBND - ABC 57.1

All call letters are accurate at the time of printing. All stations are on the air 24 hours. Check your cable or satellite provider for your channel lineup.

FOLLOW ALL BROADCAST INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY.
The radio or TV newscaster will tell you what actions you should take, if any.