**Emergency alert test information**

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The government are testing an **emergency alert** on the **23rd April 2023.** This alert will

be sent to people’s mobile devices at **3pm**.



**The message will say**:

This is a test of emergency alerts, a new

UK government service that will warn you if there is a life-threatening emergency nearby.



This is **not a real alert**. This alert is a test. You do not need to do anything.

**A picture containing text, electronics, black, remote control

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**All mobile phones and tablets** will get this alert.

A screen shot of a cell phone

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The government does not need to know your phone number to send you this alert. It will go out to **every device in the UK**.

A group of people sitting at a table with laptops

Description automatically generated with low confidenceYour mobile phone or tablet does not have to have Wi-Fi or mobile data to get the text message.

A person sitting in a wheelchair holding a flag

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You can choose to turn off emergency alerts if you want to.

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* Find emergency alerts in your settings
* Turn off settings saying severe alerts and extreme alerts.
* If this does not work, or you cannot find where your settings are, you can a helpline for the phone you have, or take your mobile into a phone shop.

If you know anyone who has a secret mobile phone, please tell them about this. If they turn their phone off or on airplane mode this will also stop any messages coming through.



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