

BC Emergency Alerts

Don't be scared! B.C. is testing its Emergency Alert System at 1:55 p.m. on Nov. 19. You will see the test on phones, radios, and TV.

The message will say:



Figure 1 (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Jonathan Hayward)

"This is a TEST of the BC Emergency Alert System issued by the Province of British Columbia. This is ONLY a TEST. In an emergency, this message would tell you about the hazard and how to stay safe. This information could save your life. Visit <https://www.emergencyinfobc.ca/test> to learn more and give feedback on this test. This is ONLY a TEST."

The government tests the system twice a year. Some emergencies are:

 • A tsunami	 • A tornado
 • A flood	 • A hurricane
 • A wildfire	 • An earthquake
 • Amber Alerts	

Do not call 911 if you get an alert.

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Questions:

1. The government uses this to tell you if there is an emergency:
 - a. A phone call
 - b. A text message
 - c. An alert on a computer

2. What is an emergency? Choose all the correct answers:
 - a. A stomachache
 - b. A tsunami
 - c. An earthquake
 - d. A government problem
 - e. A family problem
 - f. When someone dies
 - g. A house fire
 - h. A big fire that burns trees and maybe houses
 - i. When someone is lost

3. What day will the test the system?
 - a. Wednesday
 - b. November 19, 2025
 - c. 1:55 PM

4. What date will they test the system?
 - a. Wednesday
 - b. November 19, 2025
 - c. 1:55 PM

5. What time will they test the system?
 - a. Wednesday
 - b. November 19, 2025
 - c. 1:55 PM
6. How many times a year does the system get tested?
 - a. 1 time
 - b. 2 times
 - c. 3 times
7. Which alert do you think will come before the emergency?
 - a. Wildfire
 - b. Earthquake
 - c. Flood
8. Which alert do you think will come after the emergency?
 - a. Earthquake
 - b. Amber Alert
 - c. Tsunami
9. Why do you think they test the system?
10. Does the test scare you?