

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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A tsunami	 <small>Created by Jonathan Hayward from News Project</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A tornado	 <small>Created by Jonathan Hayward from News Project</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A flood	 <small>Created by Jonathan Hayward from News Project</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A hurricane	 <small>Created by Jonathan Hayward from News Project</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A wildfire	 <small>Created by Jonathan Hayward from News Project</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An earthquake	 <small>Created by P. Thomas Vannier from News Project</small>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amber Alerts			 <small>Created by Ian Kerton Lay from News Project</small>

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?