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

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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?

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