

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HEAR A PUBLIC WARNING SIGNAL

The condition of the air raid alarms is tested monthly on the first Monday at noon 12:00. Check regularly whether the beep sounds inside the apartment or in the yard of a residential property.

### DO THE FOLLOWING IF YOU HEAR PUBLIC WARNING SIGNAL

1. go indoors
2. close all doors, windows, air vents and ventilation systems
3. stay calm, turn on the radio and wait for instructions
4. avoid using the phone (including 112 calls) to prevent congestion on the lines
5. stay indoors
6. do not leave the area: travelling could be dangerous

Staying indoors and following instructions in a hazardous situation is the first step to protecting yourself, and it is usually enough. When the danger is over, the all-clear signal will be sounded. Everyone should recognise the alarm signal and know what to do when you hear it.

Authorities can warn residents in many ways. The most important method is an emergency warning, which is always issued in addition to the general danger signal sounded by a public alarm. The emergency warning is read on the radio and displayed on page 112 of teletext and, if necessary, also on television as running text at the top of the screen. The emergency warning is also published in the 112 Suomi app, YLE's news alert application, and on the pelastustoimi.fi and 112.fi websites, among others. The purpose of an emergency warning is to warn of a dangerous event and to provide instructions for action.

**A general danger signal** is a minute-long rising and falling sound or an audible warning

**The "danger over" signal** is a minute-long steady beep. It signals that the threat or danger has passed

**The test sound** is a steady sound lasting 7 seconds. The testing/test call for the alarms is made on the first weekday Monday of every month at 12 noon. Testing may also include a voice announcement "testing alarms, prov alarm, testing sirens". The test sounds do not require any action from residents or those staying in the area. The purpose of the experiment is to help detect possible faults in outdoor alarm systems. The rescue departments and the Emergency Response Centre Agency are responsible for testing the alarms.

Read more instructions and listen to the danger signal: <https://pelastustoimi.fi/koti-ja-arki/hatatilanne/vaaramerkki>

IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR ACCIDENT Listen to the radio and follow the instructions. The emergency warning can also be found on page 112 of Teletext.