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for your safety

CIVIL DEFENSE TEST ALARM

throughout Austria on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, between 12:00 p.m. and 12:45 p.m.

With more than 8,000 sirens, the public can be warned and alerted in the event of a disaster. To familiarize you with these signals and, at the same time, to test the function and range of the sirens, the Federal Warning Center at the Federal Ministry of the Interior, in cooperation with the state government offices, conducts an **Austria-wide civil defense test alarm** once a year.

Meaning of the Siren Signals

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd - IT'S JUST A TEST ALARM!

WARNING

3 min. of continuous, steady tone

Approaching danger!
Turn on the radio or television (ORF) or go online (www.orf.at), and follow the safety instructions.

ALARM

1 min. of a high-pitched tone that rises and falls

Danger!
Seek shelter in safe areas or buildings, and follow the safety instructions broadcast on the radio or television (ORF) or posted online (www.orf.at).

ALL CLEAR

1 min. of continuous, steady tone

End of danger.
Pay attention to further instructions on the radio or TV (ORF) or online (www.orf.at).

SIREN TEST

15 sec.

Every Saturday at 12:00 p.m. throughout Austria (except Vienna) and on the first Saturday in October throughout Austria.

Along with the siren test, the **AT-Alert** digital warning system will also be activated nationwide. For more information, visit **www.at-alert.at**.

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