



## Media Release

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### Emergency alert systems to be tested Wednesday in Vernon and across BC

An emergency alert system will be tested across the province Wednesday, November 15 at 1:55 p.m. PST, broadcasting a test notification on television, radio, and compatible cell phones.

[Testing of the emergency alert system](#) is intended to:

- Increase public awareness about the system, so Canadians can be ready and prepared in the event of an actual emergency.
- Validate the effectiveness and reliability of the system to ensure it operates as intended from end to end.

In conjunction with the [Alert Ready emergency alert system test](#), the emergency siren installed in the Predator Ridge area last year will be audibly tested at the same time.

Residents and visitors in the Predator Ridge area may hear a wailing sound with a cycle of high and low pitch tones while the test is taking place. **The November 15 use of the siren is only for testing purposes. No action is required by the public.**

The emergency siren is an initiative of Predator Ridge Community Emergency Management Committee recognized by City Council as a community supplied initiative. The siren installed at Fire Station 3 is intended to augment emergency notifications related to wildfire evacuations.

The Province conducts a test of the Alert Ready emergency alert system twice a year.

Please note, the City of Vernon uses [Alertable](#) to broadcast local emergency information to subscribers. Those who have downloaded the app and follow local emergency notifications may notice two test notifications, as Alertable picks up and retransmits emergency notifications based on geographic data.

To learn more about Emergency Preparedness, or how to prepare yourself and your household to respond to an emergency, visit [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca).