



Factsheet NL-Alert

Instant information for everyone in case of emergency.



Do you see an NL-Alert? Read the message immediately, take action and help others.

NL-Alert is a Public Warning System in the Netherlands that warns and informs you about disasters. NL-Alert tells you what's going on, what you should do and where you can find more information.

You receive NL-Alerts on your mobile phone. NL-Alerts can also be seen on a growing number of digital advertising displays and digital signage at train, bus, tram and metro stops. Do you see an NL-Alert?

When is NL-Alert used?

NL-Alert is used in harmful and life-threatening situations in the Netherlands, like a big fire, terrorist attack, epidemic or heavy weather. Do you see an NL-Alert? Read the message immediately, take action and help others.

Two times per year, Dutch government sends an NL-Alert test message. The test message is sent on the first Monday of June and December around 12.00 noon. This way you know how NL-Alert sounds and looks when you receive an NL-Alert on your mobile phone. The upcoming NL-Alert test message will be sent by the Dutch government on Monday December 4 2023.

NL-Alert on your mobile phone

You receive NL-Alerts on your mobile phone. This requires no action. When receiving an NL-Alert, your mobile will emit a loud and penetrating alarm sound. NL-Alert is based on cell broadcast technology. This technology is able to operate in the event of a mobile telephone network congestion or overload. NL-Alert is free and anonymous: you don't have to sign up and your telephone number remains unknown.

NL-Alerts on digital signage and advertising displays

NL-Alerts can be seen on digital signage at train, bus, tram and metro stops. You will also see NL-Alerts on digital advertising displays. A NL-Alert is simultaneously displayed on signage and received on private mobile phones.

For more information, please visit crisis.nl/nl-alert/english

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