



City of Cologne

What to do if you hear a siren

Meaning of sirens and recommended responses

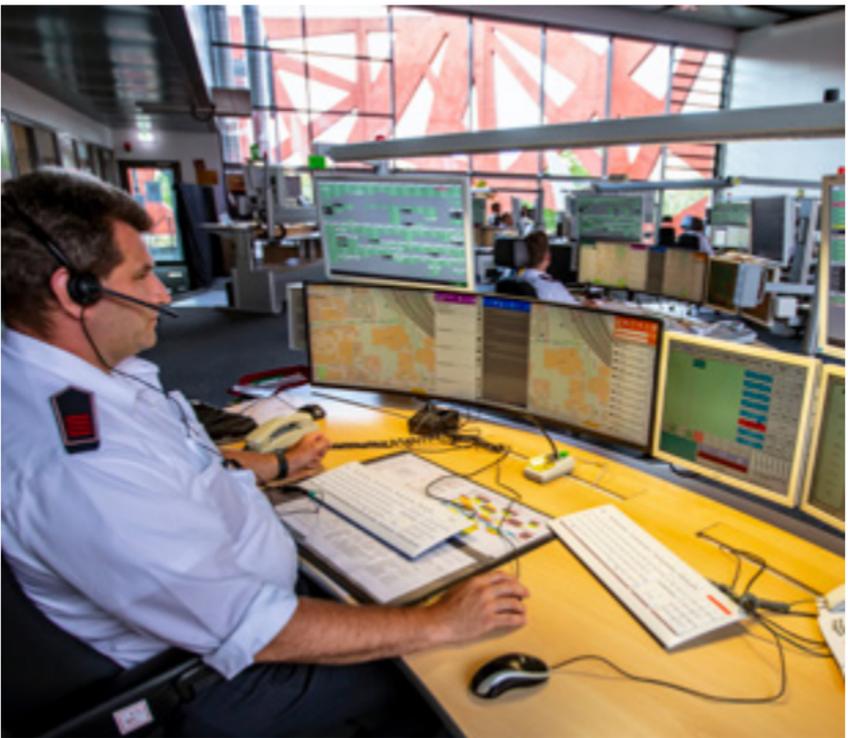


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General information

Disasters and major incidents can be harmful to you and your property. The City of Cologne has established a siren warning system to minimise, and if possible prevent, such danger. This makes it possible to alert you in a timely fashion.

This brochure explains the meaning of the different sirens and what you should do when you hear them. It also contains important phone numbers, local radio stations, and the city's homepage where you can learn more.



Cologne Fire Department control centre

Siren warning system

The City of Cologne operates and maintains its network of sirens, and they are activated by the fire department's control centre. If the fire department dispatch office detects a hazard, the sirens are used to warn the populace.

This could happen in the event of a toxic substance leak, a fire, or an accident. The sirens may also turn on in the event of a sudden flood of the Rhine or its tributaries in Cologne. The siren serves to alert people in the city of danger.



Fire with severe smoke

Information channels

In the area that may be in danger, the populace should first find shelter, close all windows and doors, and turn off any ventilation systems. The fire department will provide information via the following channels. Please note that, depending on the channel, it may take some time for information to be available.

Radio (battery-operated, crank radio):

- Radio Köln (107.1 MHz) – Info several minutes after siren
- WDR 2 (100.4 MHz) – Info may take time to become available

Internet:

www.stadt.koeln

Mobile:

Stadt Köln – official app

Social media:

Stadt Köln / Feuerwehr Köln
(Twitter, Facebook)

Test siren / warning tones

The fire department tests the sirens every three months. These test alarms take place on the state- or nationwide warning day, and on two other dates, which are announced by the media in advance. This seeks to ensure that the sirens will function in the event of an emergency. They are there to protect you.

What are the siren signals?

Warning:

Rising and falling siren for one minute



1 minute



All-clear:

Continuous tone for one minute



1 minute



Further information / contact

Emergency hotline 0800 2210001
City of Cologne 0221 221-0
or administrative hotline 115

Learn more about the
NINA-Warn app:



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and Civil Protection
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