

Siren signal and meaning

Rise-and-fall pattern to warn of imminent danger



Seek further information from local radio

All clear

Continuous tone



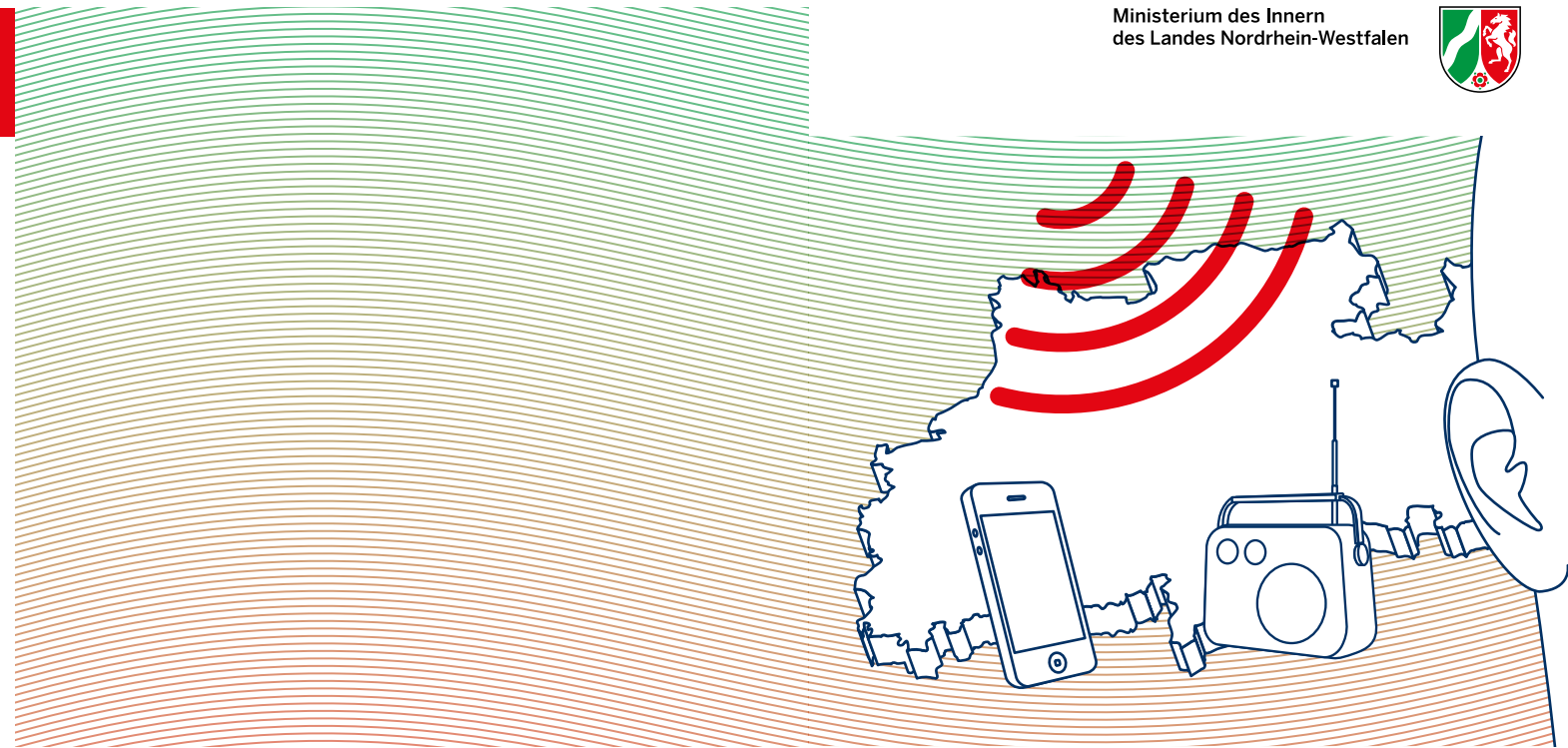
Test sound

Combination of
All clear—Warning—All clear



Calling in firefighters

Continuous tone with two breaks



In North Rhine-Westphalia, sirens are tested every September during a state-wide 'Warning Day'.

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What kind of emergency will trigger an alert?

Major incidents or emergencies likely to have an impact on your safety or your property.

Alerts will be given locally, so that you can prepare and act appropriately.

An alert might be triggered by

- large fire
- severe weather
- flooding
- imminent bomb disposal activities
- HazMat leak or spill
- any other imminent danger



What kind of warning device will be used?

Often, a combination of alert systems will be employed.

Various techniques are available:

- sirens
- vehicle-mounted loudspeakers
- radio and television
- smartphone apps, such as **NINA**
- social media

What to do

My safety is also my responsibility

Observe safety/security advice:

- Stay calm
- Proceed to/evacuate ... building/apartment
- Inform your neighbours
- Close doors/windows
- Turn on radio and tune in to local station (car radio in the event of power cut)
- Keep the 110 and 112 lines open for emergencies only

Emergency develops

Large fire: one major threat is smoke

Hearing the siren signal

Residents warned of approaching danger



Siren is wailing—what to do?

React properly

e.g. by closing doors and windows

Get more information

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