

## What is SaskAlert?

SaskAlert is the province of Saskatchewan's comprehensive emergency public alerting program. It provides critical information about emergencies so individuals can take action to protect themselves, their families and their property.

Broadcasting alerts in real time allows for greater public awareness of emergencies as they develop and evolve, enabling the people of Saskatchewan to better prepare and respond in an emergency.

SaskAlert provides a single point of entry for notifications about emergency events as they unfold, including instructions, evacuation maps and additional information as needed.

SaskAlert is Saskatchewan's contribution to the national emergency public alerting initiative. It uses a central Canada-wide alerting system, to create and issue emergency public alerts.

## How does emergency public alerting work in Canada?

Across Canada, when an emergency occurs or is likely to occur, an authorized user will log in online to create an emergency public alert. Once the alert is entered into the system, it will be shared immediately with the public through communication platforms such as:

- Radio broadcasts,
- Television broadcasts,
- Cable and satellite distributors,
- Wireless phones, and
- Internet providers.

In Saskatchewan, the alert will also be shared on:

- SaskAlert.ca, and
- A smartphone app ([SaskAlert](#)).

By using a central alerting system, alerts only have to be issued once to be shared on multiple communication platforms. This means alerts can be issued quickly and efficiently in emergency situations.

Working together on a nation-wide emergency public alerting initiative creates the ability for consistent alerts to be sent and received in all provinces and territories in Canada.

## Who can issue alerts in Saskatchewan?

Authorized, trained SaskAlert users from participating jurisdictions can issue alerts within their areas of responsibility to inform the public about emergencies events that are occurring or about to occur. Participating jurisdictions can include the provincial and federal governments and urban municipalities, rural municipalities and First Nations.

## What triggers an emergency public alert?

The main determining factor for issuing an emergency public alert is whether there is a real or potential threat to individuals' lives and safety.

The goal with public alerting is to give people the information they need to make good, well informed decisions to keep themselves, their families and their property safe.

Alerts can be issued for many different kinds of emergencies. Some examples of emergencies where alerts could be issued include:

- a tornado,
- a winter storm,
- a drinking water advisory,
- an evacuation, and
- a communication outage.

## How can residents receive emergency public alerts?

- Download the SaskAlert app on android or iOS devices.
- Visit [SaskAlert.ca](#).
- Visit [The Weather Network](#).

Broadcast immediate alerts, which are the most critical emergency public alerts, will also be broadcast on the radio and on TV.

