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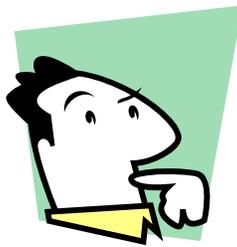
Prepare for all emergencies

- Make a Kit
- Prepare a Plan
- Be Informed

Know where to get emergency information

- KFYP AM Radio (550)
- Tune to a local television station for EAS notifications
- KFYP Channel 5 (Channel 7 on cable)
- KXMB Channel 12 (Channel 11 on cable)

Go to a safe shelter when the sirens sound. If your home does not have a safe shelter, plan ahead with a friend or relative so you can proceed to take shelter when a "Watch" is issued.



**DON'T:**

- Try to outrun a tornado
- Go outside to watch the sky during a "Warning"

**DO NOT CALL 9-1-1** for information when sirens are sounded or a warning has been issued! Call 9-1-1 only if there is an emergency and help is needed from law, fire, or ambulance services.

## Alert and Warning Systems Are the Key to Safety!

Additional preparedness information is available from the following:



<http://www.ready.gov>

**Bismarck Emergency Management**

[www.bismarcknd.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.bismarcknd.gov/emergencymanagement)

**Burleigh County Emergency Management**

[www.burleigh.gov](http://www.burleigh.gov)



## Emergency Alert and Warning



**Bismarck and Burleigh County Emergency Management (701) 222-6727**

## When Danger Approaches

What if an emergency occurs during the night or when I'm away from home?

The NOAA Weather Radio (also known as an "all hazards" radio) is recommended for every home and business. The National Weather Service broadcasts warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazard information 24 hours a day. Radios with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) can target a specific area, such as a county.

There may also be a feature that allow you to choose which alerts you want to receive.



Weather radios come in many sizes and with a variety of functions and costs. Many of the radios sound a tone alarm and/or turn on the audio when severe weather announcements or emergency information are broadcast. Most of the radios are either battery-operated portables or AC-powered desktop models with battery backup.



The radios can be purchased at stores that sell electronics or through various websites.

## What if I'm Outdoors?



When you hear the Outdoor Warning Sirens, you are being informed that a threat requires you to take immediate action.

When the sirens are sounded, it is important to go inside and listen for important information from local media.

The sirens are located throughout the community to alert anyone who is working or recreating **outdoors**.

The outdoor warning sirens are tested the last Friday of every month at 9:30 AM.

# EAS Broadcasting

*"We interrupt this program due to a Local (or State) emergency. Important information will follow."*

Radio and television stations utilize the Emergency Alert System (EAS). During an emergency, you will be given the alert message or instructed where to go for further information.

In the Bismarck and Burleigh County area, KFYZ 550 AM Radio is the designated emergency alert station; however, nearly all local radio and television stations broadcast the emergency information and weather warnings through alerts. Television may activate "crawlers" across the viewing screen.

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