

How to act in case of siren alarm

Information leaflet by the Fire Department of the City of Kassel

Dear residents of Kassel,

In dangerous situations affecting a great number of people, these people have to be warned quickly. This leaflet provides some information for you about what the different sound signals of the sirens mean and explains to you the right way to act in an emergency.

Besides, there are some instructions how to get further information in such a situation either on the radio, on the website of the city (www.notfall.kassel.de) or over the social networks of the City of Kassel.

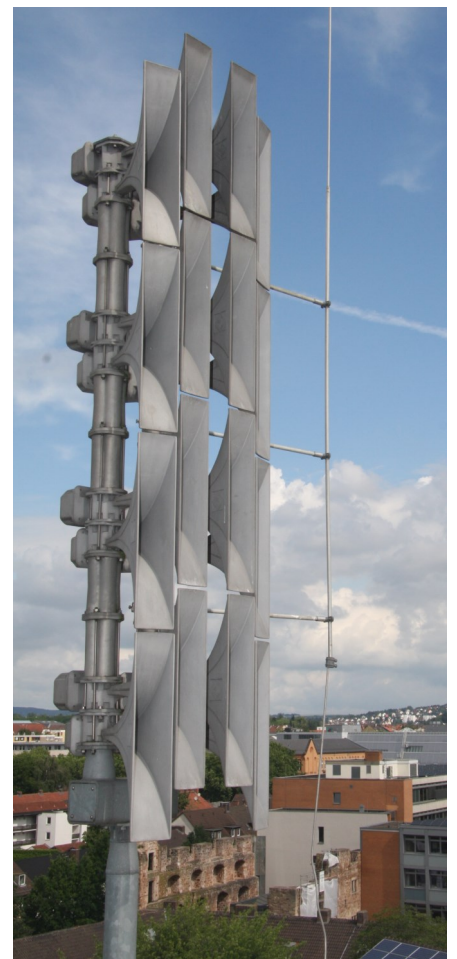
The city of Kassel maintains and operates 25 sirens, which are distributed across the city region. From the headquarters of the Fire Department of the City of Kassel, these sirens can be triggered.

This will happen if the chief of operations of the Fire Department becomes aware of some danger for the population. This can be a fire with a big smoke cloud, for example. Or if a truck has an accident and dangerous substances are escaping. Even in case of a sudden flood from the Fulda, the residents can be warned by means of the sirens.

In an emergency, the sound signals of the sirens serve as an alarm for the people who are staying in the area that is possibly endangered. First, all the people there should go into closed rooms on higher floors, shut the doors and windows as well as turn off the ventilation systems.

Through the information channels mentioned in this leaflet, the Fire Department will then provide further information. Please note that this might take some time. How quickly the information is provided depends on the respective medium of information.

Once a year, the Fire Department of the City of Kassel checks all 25 sirens in the city region. These alarm checks are advertised beforehand in the local media as well as the information channels of the City of Kassel. They usually take place at 10 o'clock on a Saturday. The alarm checks should ensure that the sirens actually work in an emergency. So the checks serve your own safety.



Warning and information for the population

How are you warned?

There are two different sound signals of the sirens.

Alerting of the Fire Department and the Civil Protection / Disaster Management:

One-minute tone, which is interrupted twice.

The members of the seven volunteer fire departments of the City of Kassel as well as the disaster management agencies are usually called via wireless alarm receiver – the so-called „silent alerting“. If this technology happens to break down, the volunteer fire departments and the disaster management agencies can be alerted by means of the sirens, too.



Warning:

Wail, alternately rising and subsiding again for one minute. This sound signal serves as an alarm for the people who are staying in the area that is possibly endangered.



How to act in case of siren alarm:

- close windows and doors
- go to higher floors (if there are any)
- turn off air-conditioning and forced ventilation
- receive other people / strangers
- get information about the situation of danger (radio / Internet)
- stay like this until the all-clear signal is given

Information:

- Internet unter www.notfall.kassel.de
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/stadtkassel
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/stadtkassel
- Radio einschalten: Radio hr1, 99,9 Mhz; ffh, 103,7 Mhz

You will find further information and an audio sample on this website:
www.notfall.kassel.de

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