



Van Buren Township Emergency Alert Siren (EAS) System Protocol

When you hear the sirens, you should:

SEEK SHELTER AND SEEK INFORMATION.

In the event of an emergency that requires the public/community to be notified by use of the township Emergency Alert Siren system, the following protocol should be followed:



1. In the event of severe weather warning (tornado warning, or straight line winds in excess of 70mph), the EAS System will be activated by the Van Buren Public Safety 911 Center. The community response to the activation should be to seek shelter on the lowest level (basement) of their dwelling or inside a nearby building if outside or in a mobile home immediately.

2. If no basement is available, move into the interior area of the building with as few windows as possible and take cover. Residents inside mobile homes should move to an emergency site inside their park if the current conditions permit such a move.

It is important for you and family to have a plan in place and location selected to shelter in place.



3. If the siren system is activated and there is no apparent severe weather, residents are advised to tune in to local TV, radio stations or social media source (Fox, WDIV, WXYZ, WJR, VBT12, WWJ, Nixle) for possible public service announcements that may be related to a non-weather emergency condition (i.e. hazardous material spill, wild fire, Nuclear Power Plant condition etc.).

4. Based on Van Buren Township's location within Wayne County, the monitoring of neighboring counties, Washtenaw, Monroe and Lenawee takes place in an effort to obtain as much advance severe weather condition information as possible.

Actual weather/emergency related EAS system activation cycles run steady for 3 minutes. Please be advised, activation cycles may be repeated during an incident to ensure residents are alerted to the situation at hand.



The Emergency Alert Siren system is tested on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00pm. The test cycle runs steady for 1 minute.