

Alberta Emergency Test Alert Toolkit

School resource guide

Opportunity to build resilience

On May 4, 2022 at 1:55 p.m., Alberta Emergency Alert will send out a test alert using the wireless public alerting system. This is done through a national system that sends life-saving emergency alert messages directly to compatible smartphones. This test alert coincides with [Emergency Preparedness Week](#), a national campaign that runs every year during the first week of May, which is from May 1 to 7 this year.

During the test, an alert sound will go off with a message to cellphone users confirming there is no need for concern. The test is an opportunity for all of us to test our own readiness to respond. This guide will help teachers and schools across Alberta use the wireless public alerting test as a teaching moment in classrooms. The test creates space to discuss preparedness and to encourage students to go home and have a conversation with their household about developing or updating their own emergency plan.

Suggestion for in-class discussion

1. **Plan for a 15-30-minute activity on Wednesday, May 4 starting at 1:55 p.m.** That morning, advise the school or classroom that the Government of Alberta is testing the Alberta Emergency Alert system. The school will use the test alert to practice individual preparedness skills with students.
 - After the Alberta Emergency Alert test, facilitate a classroom discussion using the activity guide on page 2. Adjust the activities to fit your classroom.
2. **Key learning objective.** Empower students to see that the skills they have developed while managing the pandemic can help them manage other unexpected events too. Let's practice preparedness together so we are ready for anything.
3. **Key outcome.** Encourage students to go home and share their classroom discussions with their household. Provide the students with an emergency kit checklist from alberta.ca/resources to help them start their preparedness journey at home.

Activity guide

Lesson	Discussion and Activity	Resources
<p>Get informed and stay informed</p> <p>By signing up for alerts, you can make more informed decisions in stressful situations.</p> <p>Apps like Alberta Emergency Alert, Wildfire, and WeatherCAN can help keep you safe.</p> <p>Get informed by finding trusted sources of information before an emergency occurs.</p> <p>Stay informed by downloading an emergency alerting app.</p>	<p>Time: 5 – 10 minutes</p> <p>Ask: Do you know the difference between an evacuation alert and an evacuation order?</p> <p>Watch the video listed under <i>Resources</i></p> <p>Brainstorm: Different scenarios that may require an evacuation alert or order.</p> <p>Call to action: Go home and talk to your household about how to get informed of emergency situations.</p>	<p>Video:</p> <p>How can you prepare to evacuate?</p> <p>Web pages:</p> <p>Alberta.ca/BePrepared</p> <p>Sign up to receive emergency alerts</p> <p>Active emergency updates</p> <p>Government of Alberta Apps</p>
<p>Build an emergency kit and gather supplies</p> <p>Having extra supplies at home, such as bottled water, extra medication, or non-perishable food can make a big difference in case you unexpectedly need to stay home for an extended period.</p> <p>Having a grab-and-go kit that contains water, extra medication, and first aid supplies can ensure you stay comfortable and safe in case you have to leave home suddenly.</p>	<p>Time: 5-10 minutes</p> <p>Ask: Do you have supplies and a kit prepared to keep you safe?</p> <p>Watch a video listed under <i>Resources</i></p> <p>Brainstorm: Different supplies (preparedness is personal) to have at home. What are the most important items to have with you if you had to evacuate?</p> <p>Call to action: Go home and talk to your household about the emergency kit checklist and build a kit together.</p>	<p>Videos:</p> <p>Why should you have an emergency kit?</p> <p>What goes in your emergency kit?</p> <p>Web pages:</p> <p>Build an emergency kit</p> <p>Checklists:</p> <p>Emergency kit checklist</p> <p>Emergency kit checklist for your pets</p>
<p>Make an emergency plan</p> <p>Disasters often cause confusion and distress. An emergency plan can help you cope with the stress and navigate the situation better.</p> <p>Create an emergency plan that works for you, your household and pets.</p>	<p>Time: 5 – 10 minutes</p> <p>Ask: What can you do to be prepared before an emergency?</p> <p>Watch a video listed under <i>Resources</i></p> <p>Brainstorm: What are some of the habits you've developed over the last two years that will help you be ready for something other than a pandemic?</p> <p>Call to action: Go home and talk to your household about what you would do if this alert were real.</p>	<p>Videos:</p> <p>How can you be prepared before an emergency?</p> <p>Fact sheets:</p> <p>What to do before an emergency</p> <p>Emergency preparedness for pets</p> <p>Web pages:</p> <p>Alberta.ca/MakeAPlan</p> <p>Alberta.ca/PetPrep</p>

Please send feedback or questions to BePrepared@gov.ab.ca. Thank you.