

## WHAT DO THE SIRENS MEAN?

No matter what you are doing, any time you hear an outdoor warning siren go off, you should always find shelter, take cover, and if possible turn on a radio or TV to a local station for more information and possible emergency instructions.

One of the most common and widely recognized methods of public outdoor warning is through the use of outdoor warning sirens. They are used by local communities for a variety of purposes:

- **Testing** - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00a.m.
- **Alerting** - members of a volunteer fire department of a fire
- **Severe Weather**—Including Tornado Warning and/or Severe Thunderstorm Warning with winds in excess of 70 miles per hour.
- **Major Hazardous Material or Chemical Spill**—in the local community

During emergencies residents will hear a 3 minute steady signal of the outdoor warning sirens. When you hear the sirens and are unsure why they are sounding, **go indoors and tune your radio to one of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) Stations**, and listen for essential emergency information (see the "Where Should I Listen for More Information?" Section).

## HOW SHOULD I TAKE COVER?

To "take cover" means to go inside immediately. The sirens sound when it is not safe to be outside. Make sure that everyone in your family knows the safest place to be in your home during an emergency.

During a severe weather emergency a basement or another underground shelter is the safest place to be. If you do not have a basement, stay on the first floor and put as many walls between yourself and the outdoors as possible. No matter where you are sheltering, always try to shelter under a heavy piece of furniture.

If you live in a mobile home, it is extremely important to identify the closest safe place to take cover and shelter *before* an event. If your mobile home park does not have a storm shelter, consider speaking with the owner or manager about building or creating one. During severe weather, mobile homes are never a safe place to shelter, even if they are anchored to a foundation.



## WHERE SHOULD I LISTEN FOR MORE INFORMATION?

**DO NOT call 911** or local fire or police agencies to ask why the sirens are sounding. If it is an emergency, they are busy getting equipment and resources to the emergency scene.

When you hear sirens sound in Clinton County, tune to your local Emergency Alert System (EAS) station for further information. Primary EAS stations for Clinton County include:

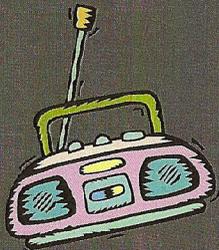
**East and Central Clinton County:**  
KROS—1340 AM    KCLN—1390 AM  
The Eagle—94.7 FM  
National Weather Service Weather Radio

**West and Central Clinton County:**  
KBOB—104.9FM    KMAQ—95.1 FM  
KMAQ—1320 AM  
National Weather Service Weather Radio

Remember, outdoor warning sirens are just that, outdoor warning. The sirens are meant to be heard outside to signal you to go indoors and tune your radio or television station to the local Emergency Alert System (EAS) Station. As homes continue to become more energy efficient and sound proofing enhanced, outdoor warning sirens that once could be heard decades ago inside of a home can no longer be heard. That's why other means of warning, such as weather radios, are in place.



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