



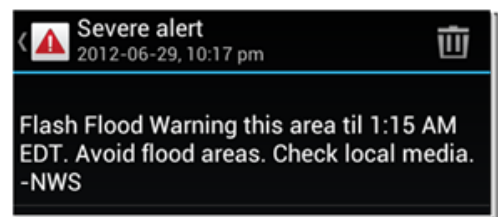
Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are emergency messages sent by authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier. America's wireless industry is helping to build a Ready Nation through a nationwide text emergency alert system.

Wireless Emergency Alerts can notify people of severe weather and other emergencies through their cellular devices without the need to download an app or subscribe to a service. WEA messaging is a free service offered by wireless carriers. All newer mobile devices are WEA-capable. The service is especially beneficial while traveling. If you enter/drive into a threat area, your mobile device will sound, alerting you of the emergency.

WEAs can alert you of the following hazardous incidents:

- Extreme weather warnings
- Local emergencies requiring evacuation or immediate action
- AMBER Alerts
- Presidential Alerts during a national emergency

A WEA message looks like a text box message and transmits a special tone alert and vibration. The WEA message will show the type and time of the alert, what action you should take, and the agency issuing the alert. Government partners that can issue WEAs include local and state public safety agencies, FEMA, the FCC, the US Dept. of Homeland Security, and the National Weather Service.



*Example of a Wireless Emergency Alert*

Once you receive a WEA message, follow the action advised, and when able, seek additional details from a local TV or radio station, NOAA Weather Radio, news website, or other trusted source of information.

For additional information, click on the following links:

[National Weather Service – WEA](#)

[CTIA-The Wireless Association, WEA](#)