



Single siren



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OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS ARE DESIGNED TO ALERT PEOPLE WHO ARE OUTSIDE TO SEEK SHELTER INSIDE. IN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, KILLEEN'S SIRENS WILL SOUND FOR 3 TO 5 MINUTES.

Sirens are activated for:

1. Tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
2. Trained weather spotters identify a tornado forming in or near Killeen
3. Hail greater than 1.5"
4. Severe thunderstorm warning with winds greater than 70 MPH
5. Other emergency as directed by the OHS&EM

The Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management performs 3 different types of tests on the sirens:

1. **Silent Polling:** Silent tests occur daily at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. These test the battery, electrical components, and communications between each siren and the base station. These tests do not include any audio broadcast and are never cancelled.
2. **Quiet Test:** Quiet tests occur the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. These test the same information as the silent polling, rotating horns make 1 full rotation, and each siren makes a quiet "growl" sound. This test is never cancelled.
3. **Audible Test:** Audible tests occur the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. This tests the same information as above, and sounds the horns for 3 minutes. This test is subject to cancellation depending on the weather.

Killeen has 2 different kinds of sirens:

1. MOD sirens which sound an alarm and are voice capable
2. Single sirens which are not voice capable.

For more information, contact the City of Killeen Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at 254-501-7706 or em-coordinator@killeentexas.gov.

