



How do I receive an alert?

At the start of the test-of-concept emergency alerts will be distributed to the public through The Weather Network's television broadcasts, Twitter, Website and App.

All broadcasters in Saskatchewan are to be issuing alerts by March 31, 2015. Campus, First Nation and small independent stations have until March 31, 2016 to issue alerts.

For more information

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SaskAlert

Saskatchewan's Emergency
Public Alerting Program



What is SaskAlert?

SaskAlert is Saskatchewan's emergency public alerting program which will be used to alert the public in real-time, of an emergency situation. It will provide information that will enable residents and those travelling in the province to take actions to protect themselves.

SaskAlert is Saskatchewan's part of a national public alerting initiative that is supported by the federal, provincial and territorial governments where emergency alerts are being distributed across Canada from one alerting system.

How is an alert issued?

Participating cities, towns, villages, rural municipalities and First Nations will have trained residents who will be able to issue an alert for an emergency event occurring in their area.

Trained staff from provincial ministries, crowns and agencies as well as Environment Canada will also be able to issue alerts that are within their areas of responsibility.

Once an alert has been issued it will be picked up by media distributors and distributed on their various communication platforms which will include radio, TV, websites, apps and Twitter.



What does SaskAlert mean to me?

SaskAlert can provide critical information on emergency events as they are occurring so you will be able to take action to protect yourself, your family and property.

You will also be able to receive updates that pertain to the incident, direction as to where you can obtain additional information, as well as when the incident is over.

What kind of events will prompt an alert?

Alerts will be issued for any event that has the potential of harming people or damaging property.

That includes weather-related events such as tornadoes, plow winds and blizzards. Other events could include wildfires, spills of hazardous material, train derailments, boil water advisories, evacuations or local emergency declarations.

When will SaskAlert be introduced?

SaskAlert will be introduced in the province through a test-of-concept starting in February 2015. The program will then be assessed and province-wide implementation will begin.



The test-of-concept will operate in the western third of the province, as highlighted below, along the Saskatchewan/Alberta border; north to include Meadow Lake Provincial Park; south to the Saskatchewan/Montana border; and east to encompass the cities of Meadow Lake, Swift Current and North Battleford.

The goal is to have provincial implementation of the SaskAlert program completed early in 2016.

