

It is against the law to tamper with or damage a siren (ORC 5914.14.3). Anyone caught tampering with a siren will be prosecuted and penalized accordingly. (ORC 59919.99, Section C)

To report an inoperative siren, call 614.889.1112, 24 hours a day

More information can be found at: <http://dublinohiousa.gov/emergency-preparedness/emergency-warning-system/>

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Dublin Emergency Warning System



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Call Dublin Police at 614.889.1112 if you see or suspect anything suspicious. Call 911 if you see a crime in progress or a life threatening emergency.



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Dublin Emergency Warning System

The City of Dublin operates 30 outdoor warning sirens within the City and Washington Township. These sirens complement the Franklin County Outdoor Siren Warning System, which is one of the largest systems in Ohio and the United States.

How the System Works

When the Northwest Regional Communications Communication Center, located within the Dublin Justice Center, receives notification of a pending Tornado Warning, the sirens in the City and Washington Township are activated by radio control. Once activated, the system will sound a wail for three minutes followed by a voice PA system.

When the Siren Sounds

The Dublin Emergency Warning System is sounded whenever a tornado is sighted or the National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Warning for the Dublin area, including parts of Franklin, Madison, Union or Delaware County. Once the Tornado Warning has been issued, the sirens will activate for three minutes followed by silence for seven minutes. This activation cycle will continue until the weather warning is cancelled.

Safe Places You Can Go

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), basements and interior rooms are the safest places to be during a tornado.

- A good rule of thumb is to put as many walls and floors as possible between you and the tornado. Once you find a safe place, take shelter underneath a sturdy bench, table or in a stairwell. Crouch down and place your head between your knees, using your arms to cover your head.

- The least safe place to be is in a car. If you are in a car, abandon it immediately and find a ditch to lie in. Most tornado deaths occur in cars. Never try to out run a tornado; it may be moving faster than you think!

- If you do find yourself in a tornado's path, go to the basement. If there is no basement, go to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a bath room or closet. If possible, cover yourself with a blanket or mattress to protect yourself from flying debris.

- Remember to stay away from exterior walls or glass-enclosed places and windows.

Weekly Testing

The outdoor warning sirens are tested every Wednesday at noon, weather permitting. The sirens are not tested during potential bad weather to avoid confusion. During this test, the sirens are activated for 30 seconds followed by the following voice message:

"This is a test of the Dublin Emergency Warning System. This is a test only"

Important Siren Facts

Tornado Warning

Issued when a tornado has been sighted or is eminent. Seek safety and move to a safe place immediately.

Tornado Watch

Conditions are favorable for a tornado. Listen to your local radio or television station for further details. Be prepared to move to a safe place.

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Tornado Tips

If you hear the Emergency Warning sirens, be prepared to take immediate emergency action.

- Go to a designated place of safety. The innermost section on the lowest possible floor is ideal

- Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums, elevators, glass doorways and windows.

- Don't stop to close windows.

- Do not take cover in your car.

- Take cover under something sturdy, if possible.

- Do not stay in a mobile home. Go to a nearby shelter or lay flat in the closest ditch or ravine.

- Make yourself as small as possible and remember to protect your head.

REMEMBER:

The outdoor warning sirens are intended to be heard outdoors only. When it looks like bad weather is approaching, monitor your local radio or television for current weather information.

It is also a good idea to get a backup battery powered, weather radio.