

Do you know what to do when the warning siren “Hesa Fredrik” (Hoarse Fredrik) sounds?

There are four different signals that you should know about.

The sirens are tested on the first Monday – that is not a public holiday – of March, June, September and December at 15:00 hours.

Signal 1

IPA, Important Public Announcement (VMA, Viktigt Meddelande till Allmänheten)

(the siren sounds for 7 seconds, followed by 14 seconds of silence)

IPA is used as a rapid public warning signal in instances of hazardous emissions, fire or serious accidents and events.

When sounded:

- * Go indoors and close all doors and windows.
- * Listen to channel P4 on Swedish Radio (Sveriges Radio) or go to page 599 on SVT Text, or to krisinformation.se for more information.
- * Alternatively, call 113 13 (the information number for serious accidents or crises in the community).

Signal 2

Air Raid

(a series of short signals sound for a duration of one minute)

Air raid alarms warn of air raids or other attacks.

When sounded:

- * Quickly make your way to a shelter or other protected location.
- * Prepare an emergency package to bring with you.
- * The emergency package should contain food, blankets, battery-powered torch and radio, candles and matches, a list of important phone numbers, spare batteries and cash.

Signal 3

Contingency Alert

(the siren sounds for 30 seconds, followed by 15 seconds of silence)

The contingency alert sounds when there is imminent risk of war

When sounded:

- * Listen to the radio.
- * Prepare to evacuate your home.
- * Find out where the nearest shelter is located.
- * Everyone with wartime postings shall quickly make their way to their designated locations.

Signal 4

All Clear

(the siren sounds for 30 seconds)