Wireless Emergency Alerts, or WEAs, are emergency messages sent to your cell phone by public safety and weather officials to grab your attention and help keep you safe during an emergency.

A WEA can warn you about a potential hazard in your area. You will be alerted about hazards like floods, tornadoes, wildfires, winter storms, or other emergencies in your area. A WEA can alert you about a missing child with an AMBER Alert too!

**Can I get a WEA?**

Ask parents or adults to check with your wireless provider.

- WEAs are sent to help you know about dangers and can include life-saving information to keep you safe during an emergency.
- The WEA message will “pop-up” on the screen of a cell phone or other wireless device with a loud beeping sound, vibration and a short warning about the danger.
- There are no charges or fees for receiving WEA alerts.

**Words To Know!**

- **Wireless Emergency Alerts** or WEAs, are free one-way emergency messages sent from local public safety officials or the National Weather Service directly to cell phones in the local area of an emergency.
- **AMBER Alerts** are public safety messages about missing children.