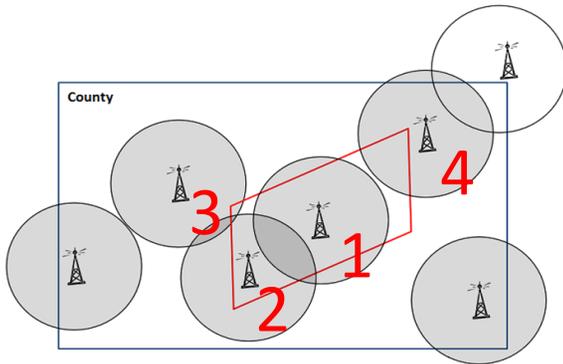


Why did I receive an alert when there was no warning for my location?

WEA messages are broadcast from cell towers in and at times around, the warning area. Therefore, an alert can reach cell phones outside the actual warning area depending on the broadcast range of the cell towers which broadcast the alert.



For a Flash Flood Warning (red box), some carriers will alert from towers 1 and 2 only. Other carriers will also alert from towers 3 and 4 since they broadcast into the warned area.



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Cell Phone Weather Alerts

Weather alerts received at the right time can help keep you safe during an emergency. Alerts are sent to your cell phone when weather threatens your area, and the service is FREE!



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What are WEA messages?

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are emergency messages sent by authorized government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier. Government partners include local and state public safety agencies, FEMA, the FCC, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Weather Service.



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Why is this important to me?

Alerts received at the right time can help keep you safe during an emergency. With WEA, alerts can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way, without need to download an app or subscribe to a service.

What types of alerts will I receive?

- **Extreme weather warnings for Dust Storms, Flash Floods and Tornadoes**
- **Local emergencies requiring evacuation or immediate action**
- **AMBER Alerts**
- **Presidential Alerts during a national emergency**

What if I'm not at home?

The messages you receive are based on your location. If you travel into a threat area after an alert is first sent, you will receive the message when you enter the area.

What does a WEA message sound like?

WEA messages include a special tone and vibration, both repeated twice.

What does a WEA message look like?

WEA will look like a text message. The WEA message will typically show the type and time of the alert, any action you should take, and the agency issuing the alert. The message will be no more than 90 characters.

