

# Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) State and Local Testing

## ***“Opt-in” required to receive WEA tests***

The FCC in December, 2019 released new rules on testing WEA. All WEA testing is now *only* conducted through the “WEA test” code. Live WEA tests are no longer allowed.

In order for a smart phone to receive a WEA test it must:

1. Be a WEA test capable phone (newer phone and recent software update installed)
2. The phone subscriber must “opt-in”.

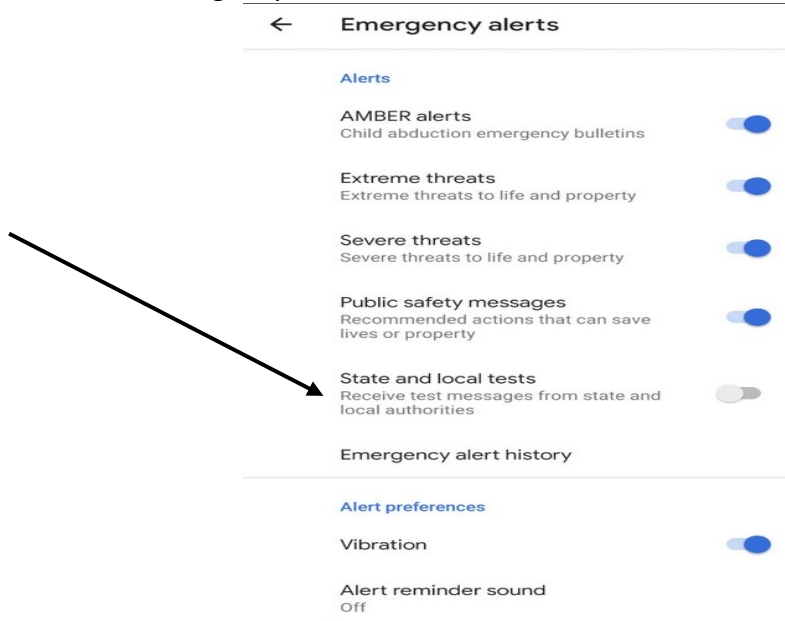
### **For iPhone the “opt-in” procedure is:**

To opt in State/Local WEA Tests:  
Open the Phone app and tap Keypad.  
**To turn it on:** Enter \*5005\*25371# and tap call. You'll then receive a message stating "Test alerts enabled."  
**To turn it off:** Enter \*5005\*25370# and tap call. You'll then receive a message stating "Test alerts disabled."



### **For Android the “opt-in” is:**

Found in a different place depending on what phone you have but the common theme is that the settings will be called "Cell Broadcasts" or "Emergency alerts."



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**Alerts**

- AMBER alerts  
Child abduction emergency bulletins
- Extreme threats  
Extreme threats to life and property
- Severe threats  
Severe threats to life and property
- Public safety messages  
Recommended actions that can save lives or property
- State and local tests  
Receive test messages from state and local authorities

Emergency alert history

**Alert preferences**

- Vibration
- Alert reminder sound  
Off