

INTRODUCTION



The Emergency Alert System (EAS) is a national public warning system that requires broadcasters, cable television systems, wireless cable systems, wireline video providers, satellite digital audio radio service providers and direct broadcast satellite service providers to make their communications facilities available to the President during a National emergency. The system also may be used by state and local authorities to deliver important emergency information such as AMBER alerts and severe weather warnings targeted to specific geographical regions or areas.

This handbook provides EAS participants summary instructions for conducting EAS notifications and tests of national, state and local alerts.

This handbook should be located at each operator position and should be immediately available to staff responsible for authenticating and initiating emergency action notifications, termination notices, alerts and tests.

For more detailed information, refer to the FCC's EAS rules and regulations at 47 C.F.R. Part 11.