



KOOTENAI COUNTY

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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IF WE CAN'T REACH YOU, WE CAN'T ALERT YOU.

Kootenai County wants everyone in the County to have the opportunity to receive alerts and warnings quickly during an emergency. That is why on August 1, 2017 the County will update Kootenai County's Emergency Alert Program. **"Alert!Kootenai"** is a new system that enables the County to provide the public with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as winter storms, flooding, major forest fires, unexpected road closures, evacuations of building or neighborhoods and more.

To sign up for emergency alerts and warnings, simply go to www.kcgov.us/alertkootenai to setup your login, password and enter your address and contact data. Landline telephones are automatically setup to receive these emergency alerts. For those who were signed up for alerts under the County's old system, the contact information you have in the old system has been transferred to the new system temporarily. You must create a new account and update your information by September 1st. After that the old data will be deleted.

"Alert!Kootenai" is a joint effort of the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, Sheriff, Local Emergency Planning Committee and first response agencies. This will enhance our capabilities to alert the public during emergencies," said Sandy Von Behren, Director of the Office of Emergency Management. By opting into the **"Alert!Kootenai"** emergency notification system, you will be informed before, during, and after incidents that could impact your safety.

For more information: Call (208) 446-1850 or email ENSsupport@kcgov.us.