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## **Societal security — Emergency management — Guidelines for colour-coded alerts**

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## Introduction

People may be faced in their daily lives with various kinds of risks. People at risk should be able to take appropriate safety actions when faced with hazards even though they may not have a full understanding of them.

Public warnings, through a combination of prior notifications and alerts, enable people at risk to take appropriate and timely actions to protect their safety.

Colour-coded alerts are used to notify people at risk of status changes on a safety or danger continuum in allowing them to take appropriate actions.

This International Standard will lead to better understanding of colour-coded alerts by reducing confusion and prompting more appropriate responses in an emergency situation.