



WAR EMERGENCY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING SIGNALS, ETC.

1. Intimation of a likelihood of this country being at war with one or more powers will be communicated by Government Office to the Chief Constable, who will thereupon take steps to ensure that he is ready, forthwith, if necessary, to carry out his war instructions. No further action will be taken by him at this stage.
2. Should the Chief Constable later receive intimation from Government Office that a state of war exists, he will forthwith carry out his war instructions. (Government Circular 1946).
3. When a state of war actually exists and in the event of enemy aircraft proceeding in the direction of the Isle of Man, the Post Office will be the medium for communicating messages by telephone to the persons named in 4 below. These messages will be as follows:—

<i>Description of Message.</i>	<i>Text of Message as passed by telephone.</i>
A. Preliminary Caution.	Air Raid Message—Yellow.
B. Action Warning.	Air Raid Warning—Red.
C. Raiders Passed	Air Raid Message—Green.
D. Cancel Caution.	Air Raid Message—White.

4. Recipients of Messages:

Telephone Number	Subscriber
Douglas 447	Government Office
Douglas 540	The Government Secretary
Douglas 37	Police Headquarters
Douglas 1450	The Chief Constable
Douglas 1388	Police Station, Pulrose
Douglas 190	Police Station, Onchan
Douglas 1880	H.M.S. "St. George"
Douglas 42	Harbour Board
Douglas 1250	Harbour Board (Secretary's House)
Douglas 177	Harbour Board
Douglas 67	Fire Station, Douglas
Douglas 411	Commandant Loyal Manx Association
Douglas 530	Superintendent Gale
Douglas 210 (Extension)	Gas Works
Douglas 1005	Power Station, Pulrose
Ramsey 2234	Police, Ramsey
Castletown 2222	Police, Castletown
Peel 208	Police, Peel
Port Erin 2222	Police, Port Erin
Port St. Mary 3222	Police, Port St. Mary <small>(to be notified by Castletown Police Station as stated hereafter.)</small>
Kirk Andreas 251	R.A.F., Jurby
Laxey 210	Police, Laxey
Kirk Michael 228	Police, Kirk Michael <small>(to be notified by Peel Police Station as stated hereafter.)</small>
Castletown 3102	Control Office, Ronaldsway Airport
Douglas 410	Mental Hospital
Douglas 737 (after 5 p.m.)	Town Clerk, Douglas
Douglas 297 (after 5 p.m.)	Borough Surveyor, Douglas

The Divisional Officers of Police at Castletown and Peel will communicate the messages to Port St. Mary and Michael Police Stations respectively.

The Divisional Officers of Police at Ramsey, Castletown and Peel will communicate the messages within their Divisions to:

The local Fire Stations,

The local Gas Works.

The Police Officers at Onchan and Laxey will communicate the messages to the Fire Stations within their districts.

5. (a) On receipt of Messages B ("Air Raid Warning—Red") and C ("Air Raid Message—Green") the Chief Officers of Police at the undermentioned places will forthwith arrange for the signals specified below to be given on the official sirens:

Douglas (4);

Pulrose;

Ramsey;

Peel;

Castletown;

Port Erin;

Port St. Mary;

Laxey;

Onchan;

Kirk Michael.

(b) On the receipt of message B ("Air Raid Warning—Red") the following warning signal will be given on the official sirens:

A wailing effect of TWO MINUTES' duration.

(c) On the receipt of message C ("Air Raid Message—Green") the following signal will be given on the official sirens:

A continuous blast of TWO MINUTES' duration, on one note.

6. (a) On the warning signal as specified in 5 (b) hereof being given, the following action will be taken:

(1) All Police Officers not on street duty will at once repair to the Police Stations;

(2) Members of the Loyal Manx Association not on street duty will proceed to their Alarm Posts;

(3) Members of Fire Brigades will at once proceed to their Fire Stations;

(4) Doctors will return to their residences, or their appointed stations;

(5) Personnel detailed by Local Authorities, Water Companies, Gas Companies, and Electricity Undertakings will assemble at pre-arranged points to repair (if necessary) sewers, water mains, gas mains, electricity mains, etc.;

(6) All other appointed workers and helpers will repair to their posts.

(b) On the signal specified in 5 (c) hereof being given the persons named in 6 (a) will resume their ordinary duties as soon as circumstances permit.

(c) The Chief Constable will be responsible for the co-ordination of the above services.

7. The instructions contained in Government Circular 1987 are hereby cancelled and all copies of that Circular should be destroyed.

By order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,

Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man.

22nd August, 1939.

This circular to be communicated confidentially to:

The Chief Constable

All Town and Village Clerks

All Medical Practitioners, by the Secretary, Isle of Man Medical Society

All Gas Works, Electricity Undertakings and Water Undertakings

The Head Postmaster, Douglas

The Secretary, I.o.M. Harbour Commissioners

The Control Officer, Ronaldsway Airport

H.M.S. "St. George"

The R.A.F. Station, Jurby

All Hospitals

The Director of Education

All Fire Brigades