

WELCOME TO LITHUANIA – EMERGENCY GUIDE

A BRIEF EMERGENCY GUIDE FOR VISITORS
TO LITHUANIA



How to receive warning notifications, where to find information, and what to do immediately



1

WHY IS THIS GUIDE NECESSARY?

Lithuania is a safe country, but just like in other countries, emergencies can occur: storms, floods, fires, accidents involving hazardous materials, and violations of the country's airspace.

Lithuanians are hospitable people who welcome tourists to the country and want everyone who visits to feel calm and safe here.

By knowing the basic steps in advance, you will be able to make decisions more quickly and ensure the safety of yourself and close people around you.

2

HOW ARE THE PUBLIC IN LITHUANIA WARNED AND INFORMED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY?

In Lithuania, the public is alerted about emergencies in the following methods:

- warning messages sent to mobile phones
- warning sirens
- through the public broadcaster, i. e. Lithuanian National Radio and Television (LRT) and their website, www.lrt.lt
- official Lithuanian emergency preparedness website, www.lt72.lt
- official government information channels

The most common method of warning in the country is via mobile phone messages (Public Warning and Information System). Warning messages are sent to the public in Lithuanian and English based on the location of people in the danger zone. When you receive a warning message, always read it and follow the instructions provided in the message.

[How to check if the warning messages are enabled on your phone](#)

[Warning messages archive](#)



Do not rely on unverified information on social media. Links to recommended state institutions:



[MFA](#)



[LAF](#)



[MOD](#)



[MOI](#)

Air raid alert is a notification sent to the public's mobile phones (during an air raid threat, the network of warning sirens may also be used in Lithuania), when it is determined or suspected that objects capable of posing a threat to public safety may appear or are already present in Lithuanian airspace.

Alert message indicates the threat level with a corresponding colour (yellow, red, yellow after red, or white) and provides specific instructions to the public on how to respond. When you receive a warning message, follow the instructions provided in it, even if they differ from the recommendations in this guide.

If you receive air raid alert while traveling in an organized group or participating in an organized activity, follow the instructions of your guide, tour leader, bus driver, event organizers, or other responsible persons. They are prepared in advance for such situations and know how to safely coordinate the group's actions.

YELLOW (possible air raid alert)

Remain calm, find the nearest safe places or shelters, follow official information and further instructions. Be prepared to respond if necessary.

RED (air raid alert)

Immediately head to the nearest safe place or shelter. Follow the updates and further instructions from Lithuanian National Radio and Television (LRT).

YELLOW AFTER RED (air raid alert)

It is recommended to remain in safe places or shelters until the all-clear (white) is announced.

WHITE (air alert is over)

You may continue your normal activities; if you were instructed to go to safe places or shelters, you may leave those areas after receiving this notification.

IMPORTANT: The public is notified of the lifting of each alert (each colour category) in a separate message. If you have not received a warning message that the alert level has changed or that the alert has been lifted, continue to follow the latest instructions.

WHERE TOURISTS SHOULD TAKE SHELTER IN THE EVENT OF AN AIR RAID THREAT: SAFE PLACES AND SHELTERS

Upon receiving air raid alert (red), the public (including people temporarily visiting Lithuania) should proceed as quickly as possible to the nearest safe place or shelter.

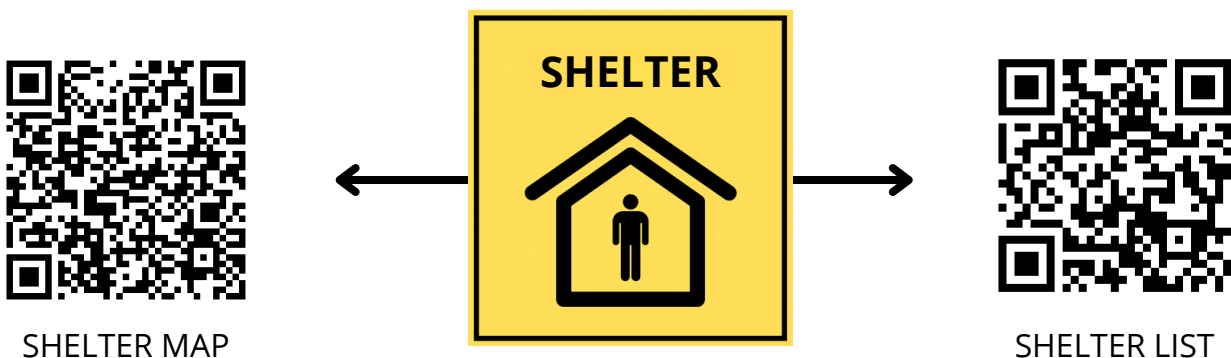
1. SAFE PLACE:

- the building's basement
- areas of the building without windows (corridors or bathrooms)
- areas of the building that meet the “two-wall rule” (there must be at least two walls between a person and the outside of the building)
- avoid windows, balconies, elevators, and open spaces. Rooms on the top floor of a building are not safe
- when outdoors, a safe place should be the nearest building, other brick or concrete structures, hollows in the terrain, trees, or forests

2. CIVIL DEFENCE SHELTER:

All shelters in Lithuania are marked with a special sign (a yellow square with the word “PRIEDANGA”, which means shelter). Shelters can be found in schools, kindergartens, underground pedestrian crossings, underground parking garages, basements of apartment buildings and other types of buildings, and so on. In Lithuania, all shelters must be open and accessible to everyone, regardless of where they live. However, if the shelter closest to you is full, the most important thing is not to panic or wander around in the open areas, but to look for the nearest safe place.

The [map of shelters](#) and the [list of shelters](#) can be found online.



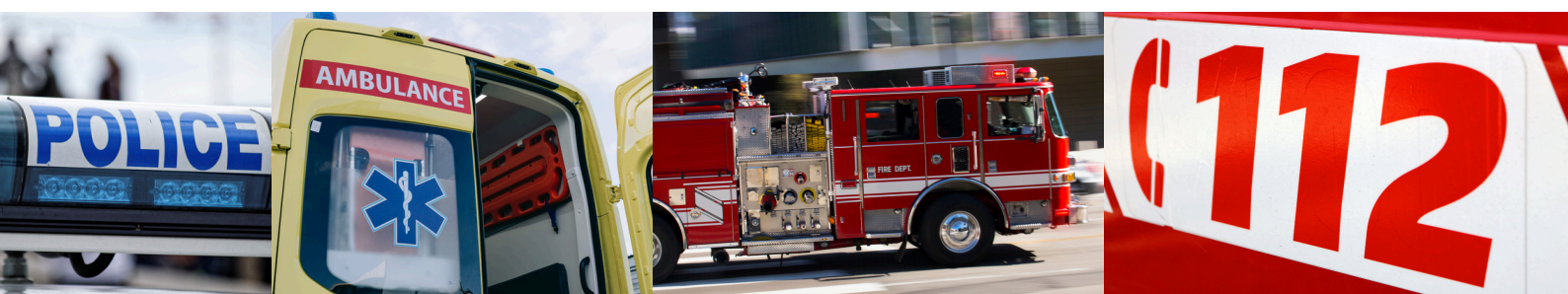
5

THE EMERGENCY NUMBER – 112

If there is a threat to life, health, or property, call 112. It is free and available 24/7 to contact:

- the fire and rescue service
- the emergency medical service
- the police

When calling for help, it is important to provide the address or coordinates of the incident location. Operators at the Emergency Response Centre can receive requests for assistance in Lithuanian, Polish, and English.



6

BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE

Emergencies and disasters usually strike unexpectedly, but a few simple steps to prepare can help you feel safer.

It is recommended:

- check if alert messages are enabled on your mobile phone
- know the emergency number 112
- if possible, get acquainted with the locations of the nearest shelters along your route
- make sure your mobile phone is charged and carry an external battery with you
- be aware where to find official information



HAVE A NICE AND SAFE STAY
IN LITHUANIA



LT72