



SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

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April 17 - 21, 2023 Statewide Tornado Drill Day is April 20

The Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting general weather safety and emergency preparedness to Minnesotans during April 17 - 21 for Severe Weather Awareness Week.

In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 20. Outdoor sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound.

This is the perfect time to engage with your communities, schools, and local businesses to talk about their emergency plans and how they can prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.



Each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week highlights an important weather safety topic.

- **Monday:** Alerts and Warnings
- **Tuesday:** Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail
- **Wednesday:** Floods
- **Thursday:** Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)
- **Friday:** Extreme Heat

Promote Emergency Preparedness in Your Community

- Hold preparedness seminars.
- Consult with local businesses.
- Host a preparedness and health fair.
- Start a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Meet with homeowners associations.
- Post newsletter, social media and website articles with preparedness tips.
- Encourage others to know how to contact their county emergency manager.



More information about these emergency preparedness steps is provided on the [HSEM Weather Safety](#) and [National Weather Service](#) websites.

General, all-hazards emergency preparedness best practices for businesses, communities, individuals and families can be found [on this HSEM website](#).