



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.

Minnesota healthcare providers are being asked to participate by reviewing their severe weather safety procedures. The goal is to ensure everyone is prepared to protect themselves, their patients and all critical facilities during severe weather and still be ready to respond if needed.

Consider this an excellent opportunity for a safety drill. If your facility will not participate, please explain to the staff and residents why warning sirens are sounding.

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 Facility

- Update employee emergency contact information.
- Host a disaster preparedness class.
- Get a NOAA Weather Radio for every facility.
- Distribute an updated copy of the facility emergency plan.
- Provide business continuity training.
- Conduct office evacuation and shelter-in-place exercises and drills.
- Promote emergency preparedness messages.
- Review emergency plans.



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