



Severe Weather Awareness Week

APRIL 13 – 17, 2015

The Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), in collaboration with the National Weather Service, other state agencies and some non-profit organizations, sponsors **Severe Weather Awareness Week** each spring to teach (and remind) everyone to prepare for summer weather-related hazards — and be ready to respond when they occur.

Each day of Severe Weather Week focuses on a different topic that is promoted in local media and through a variety of communications channels (internet, social media, events, displays, etc.)

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



STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILLS: THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AT 1:45 P.M. AND 6:55 P.M.

Local sirens and all NOAA Weather Radios in Minnesota will sound off with a simulated tornado warning for both afternoon and evening drills. This is a great opportunity to review school emergency plans and procedures, and conduct emergency drills at school and at home.

PREPARE YOUR COMMUNITY

- ☐ [Include preparedness activities at community events.](#) Consider local events already scheduled in your community, such as state or county fairs, festivals, parades, or sporting events.
- ☐ [Encourage local institutions and civic groups to participate.](#) Ask local Scouts, Lions, Kiwanis, Churches, Chambers of Commerce, etc. to set up a booth to distribute emergency preparedness information, recruit volunteers, and discuss preparedness plans within your community.
- ☐ [Host a Local Preparedness Fair.](#) Reach out to prominent organizations in your community, such as faith-based and community organizations, businesses, and schools to help coordinate a preparedness fair.
- ☐ [Find out how to create or participate in a Citizen Corps - Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) in your town or neighborhood.](#) Contact HSEM for more information.

Specific information about these topics, including fact sheets, checklists, data and other resources, is available on the [HSEM Weather Safety website.](#)

