SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

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April 13 - 17, 2020
Statewide Tornado Drill Day is April 16

The Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting general weather safety and emergency preparedness to Minnesotans during April 13 – 17 for Severe Weather Awareness Week.

In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 16. Outdoor sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound.

This is the perfect time to engage with your employees, facility managers and partners to talk about and review your emergency plans, and how your company is prepared for seasonal weather threats.

Each day of the 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 Business

- 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 your company's emergency plans.

On the statewide tornado drill day, we encourage all businesses to participate in each of the two drills by practicing their sheltering plans for all shift workers. Ensure all employees know where to take cover in the event of severe weather while they are inside the facility.

More information about these emergency preparedness steps is provided on the HSEM Weather Safety and National Weather Service websites.

Additional business emergency preparedness steps can be found on this HSEM website.