

Keeping Minnesota *Ready*



MINNESOTA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

APRIL 8 – 12, 2019

Statewide Tornado Drills are Thursday, April 11

Minnesota healthcare providers are being asked to participate in the week by reviewing their severe weather safety procedures 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.

During the week, the Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting severe weather safety and emergency preparedness information to statewide media outlets. In addition, statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 11 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound.



Consider this an excellent opportunity for a safety drill. However, if your facility does not participate in the drills please explain to the staff and residents why the warning sirens are sounding.

PROMOTE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN YOUR FACILITY

Each day of the week highlights an important seasonal weather safety topic.

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

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Update** everyone's emergency contact information.
- **Host** a disaster preparedness class for staff
- **Get** a NOAA Weather Radio
- **Distribute** a copy of the facility emergency plan
- **Provide** business continuity training.
- **Conduct** office evacuation/shelter-in-place exercises and drills.
- **Promote** emergency preparedness messages.

More information about emergency preparedness (including factsheets, checklists, data and other resources) is provided on the [HSEM Weather Safety](#) and [National Weather Service, Chanhassen](#) websites.