# Severe Weather

## Scenario 1

On the morning of [insert date], a series of severe thunderstorms and tornados move through the Minnesota. Tornado Warning is announced.

[Discuss initial actions]

The most destructive of these storms strikes your city. At approximately 8 am, a large violent tornado touched down in the southwest. The tornado, up to a half-mile at points, moved northeast remaining on the ground continuously for more than 30 miles before finally dissipating in northeast. In roughly 40 minutes, six people were killed and approximately 32 others were injured. The tornado damaged or destroyed at least 50 homes. In addition, one apartment complex, one nursing home, 19 commercial buildings, and 2,200 acres of woodland were destroyed. Because major transmission power was destroyed, much of the county is without electrical power. Your facility is still standing and operable.

[Discuss actions]

## Scenario 2

A Tornado Watch is announced. Out the window the trees start whipping back and forth. Rain is pelting the side of the building. A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is announced.

[Discuss initial actions]

Straight-line winds blow through and shake the windows. There is a report of wind damage to the roof. Water is leaking into the building.

[Discuss action needed to continue to operate]

## Scenario 3

Heavy rains have been forecast for today and the following three days. High winds have left many fallen trees resulting in traffic congestion and lack of vehicle access to some areas. Local flooding has been predicted. Sporadic blackouts occur in various parts of the city. Lights flicker in the rooms on the unit.

## Scenario 4

A Blizzard Warning is issued for your county. Three feet of heavy snow falls over a 12 hour period with 50 mph winds. The movement within the city is a standstill. Calling in additional staff or getting additional supplies from the warehouse is not possible. Estimates are coming in that it will take at least 6 to 8 hours to clear even the primary routes of travel.

## Incident Objectives

1. Implement Emergency Operations Plan and Severe Weather Emergency Response Plan
2. Initiate facility hardening
3. Protect patients, visitors, staff and family
4. Maintain patient care and medical management
5. Restore normal operations as soon as feasible

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| Inject 1 |
| A large number of staff does not show up for their shift. |
| Inject 2 |
| Water is leaking into the equipment room. |
| Inject 3 |
| Flying debris shatters glass in [enter location]. |
| Inject 4 |
| Approximately 30 people stranded by the weather seek safety within your area. |
| Inject 5 |
| A large number of incoming calls are requesting rescheduling appointments. |