



## IOWA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the National Weather Service have designated March 21 through March 25 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Each day during Severe Weather Awareness Week, the National Weather Service in Des Moines will cover severe weather topics. Today's topic is family preparedness.

Severe weather can happen anytime. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms including damaging winds, large hail, tornadoes and flooding.

Your family may not be together during severe weather, so it's important to think about the following situations and plan just in case. Consider the following questions when making a plan:

- How will my family get emergency alerts and warnings?
- How will my family get to safe locations for relevant emergencies?
- How will my family get in touch if cell phone, internet or landline doesn't work?
- How will I let loved ones know I am safe?

To download and print a plan, go to: [ready.gov](http://ready.gov)

Knowing when severe weather is possible will give you time to prepare! You can always find current conditions, forecasts and hazardous weather information at [weather.gov](http://weather.gov)

If you're not on your computer, you can access the same information via your mobile device at [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov)

For additional safety information visit:  
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