



## IOWA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the National Weather Service have designated March 27 through March 31 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 tornadoes.

In 2016, there were 43 tornadoes in Iowa. 48 is the average number of tornadoes in the state. The peak months for tornadoes are May and June. Every month in Iowa has experienced a tornado. Most tornadoes occur during the afternoon and evening hours.

Now is the time to plan and prepare for where you would go during a tornado at home, at work or school and while commuting. Plans will vary based upon your unique circumstances. To develop a plan, please visit:

[Get Weather Ready: Before a Tornado Ready Iowa 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](#)

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

For additional safety information visit:  
[www.weather.gov/om/severeweather](#)  
[weather.gov/desmoines](#)



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