

Public Information Statement  
National Weather Service Albany NY  
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...Severe Weather Awareness Week Concludes Today...

Plan now to keep safe during severe weather.

Before a storm, develop a severe weather safety plan for home, school, work, church and when outdoors. Identify a safe place to take shelter. Conduct frequent drills. Know how to receive the latest weather information. Know what action you will take when a warning is issued. Be smart. Take part. Prepare.

Be weather ready. The national weather service issues severe weather watches and warnings. A watch means that severe weather or flash flooding is possible. A warning means that severe thunderstorms, tornadoes or flash flooding is imminent or occurring. When a severe weather warning is issued, take immediate action to protect your life.

NOAA weather radio offers one way to receive immediate relay of severe weather warnings. Many local television and radio stations also broadcast weather alerts. Computers and wireless devices can also receive warnings.

Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are nearby. All thunderstorms contain deadly lightning. Move to a sturdy building or hard topped car. If caught outdoors, find a low spot. Make sure your choice is not susceptible to flooding. If in the woods, take shelter under smaller trees. If you are boating or swimming, seek shelter on land immediately. When thunder roars, go indoors.

If a tornado warning is issued, move to a pre designated place of safety, preferably a basement or interior room. Stay away from windows. Get as low to the ground as possible. Cover your head. If caught outdoors and a tornado threatens, lay flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of flying debris. Flying debris causes most fatalities and injuries during a tornado. Mobile homes offer little protection from a tornado. Evacuate your mobile home and move to your designated place of shelter.

Flash flooding can be deadly. Never underestimate the power of water. Half of all flash flood related deaths occur in automobiles. Two feet of flowing water will cause most cars to float. Flooding hazards are increased at night

when visibility is reduced. The national weather service urges you to respect all barriers that warn of flooded roads. Turn around, don't drown!

Finally, help make the United States a weather ready nation. Share this information with everyone you know.

Today concludes severe weather awareness week.

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