

February 28 through March 6 is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois

Severe weather in the form of tornadoes, deadly lightning, flash floods, damaging winds, and destructive hail strike Illinois each spring, summer and fall, sometimes with incredible violence.

The Kane County Office of Emergency Management urges you to develop a safety plan for use at your home, workplace, school, vehicle, and for outdoor activities. Be aware of severe weather safety rules. Planning ahead and knowing what to do might save your life.

Tornado Watches and Warnings

Tornadoes are the most destructive storms that occur in Illinois. Being prepared for a tornado can save your life.

A **tornado watch** means severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible in your area over the next few hours. Be prepared.

A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been sighted by a trained storm spotter, or intense rotation that will likely produce a tornado has been detected by Doppler radar. Get to a place of safety immediately.

Statewide Tornado Drill Tuesday March 2

Tuesday March 2 at 1000 AM CST a test tornado warning will be issued for all Illinois counties by the National Weather Service. Many locations in Illinois will also test sirens on Tuesday morning.

The test warnings will be disseminated through the NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio system. Many commercial radio and TV stations will participate by passing along the test tornado warning. This would be a good time to review your severe weather procedures or conduct a tornado drill at your school or place of business.

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