

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

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Governor Bob Riley has proclaimed Monday, February 22 through Friday, February 26, 2010, to be Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama. Alabamians are encouraged to learn and/or review the proper safety precautions necessary for protecting their lives during severe weather, particularly during this week.



Throughout this week, the National Weather Service, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and American Red Cross chapters in Alabama will be conducting educational activities to help people learn how to prevent injuries and deaths from lightning, wind, hail, tornadoes, and floods. Media outlets are encouraged to promote this week through articles, stories, and interviews to inform people about severe weather dangers and the proper safety precautions necessary for survival.

This booklet contains material on severe weather and ways to prepare for it. Lightning, wind, hail, tornadoes, and floods ALL pose a great danger to Alabama. Weather related disasters do occur annually from these phenomena. After nearly every weather disaster, the story is the same; people survived because they knew what to do! By taking a few minutes to learn or review severe weather safety procedures, you could save your life or someone else's.



Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama is an annual public awareness campaign to draw attention to severe weather preparedness. Since its inception by the National Weather Service following the April 3-4, 1974, super-outbreak of tornadoes, this week has been observed each year as part of a continuing commitment to improve severe weather awareness. The National Weather Service has traditionally led this campaign, but additional partners have joined to improve and expand this effort to reach Alabamians with this important information.