

Severe Weather Awareness Week Social Media Messages

Sunday March 1

It's Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Learn how to be safe in severe #ncwx and tornadoes. Be #ReadyNC.

You may have just minutes to act when severe #ncwx closes in. Be prepared http://readync.org/EN/Informed_NatHaz_Tornado.html #ReadyNC

In 2014, the #NWS issued 81 tornado warnings for North Carolina #ncwx #ReadyNC

Monday March 2

North Carolina had 36 tornadoes touch down in 2014. One person died; 34 were injured. Be #ReadyNC

Peak tornado season in North Carolina is March to May. But NC has had tornadoes as early as January. Always watch the #ncwx #ReadyNC

Tornadoes show up as spinning, funnel-shaped clouds that reach from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds and wide paths of destruction. Know what you need to be #ncwx #ReadyNC.

Tuesday March 3

Do you know the basics of emergency planning? Find out @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeFzp27SMfM&list=PL26Wfxu2I_kBBa7FzwYO1jNYDAEh-aKSf&index=3 #ncwx #ReadyNC

Remember the 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule: Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder #ncwx #ReadyNC

@ school, seek shelter in inside hallways, small closets and bathrooms #ncwx #ReadyNC

#ncwx safety tip: Know the terms! Tornado Watch = conditions right for tornado formation. Tornado Warning = tornado has been sighted. #ReadyNC

Wednesday March 4

Today's the annual statewide tornado drill! Practice your plan @ 9:30 a.m. #ncwx #ReadyNC

#ncwx preparedness tip – create a family communications plan & emergency kit, keep important papers & valuables in a safe place

@ school stay out of gymnasiums, auditoriums and other rooms with a large expanse of roof
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Thursday March 5

The safest place to be during a tornado is in a basement or an inner hallway/room without windows. Find something sturdy you can get under and hold onto to shield you #ncwx
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NOAA Weather Radios broadcast official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts & hazard info 24/7 #ncwx #ReadyNC

Get real-time weather and traffic updates with the free #ReadyNC mobile app for Apple & Android #ncwx

Friday March 6

@ school stay away from windows & get out of mobile classrooms #ncwx #ReadyNC

#ncwx tip: rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning #ReadyNC

If driving, leave your vehicle immediately to seek safety. Don't try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle or stop under an overpass or a bridge #ncwx #ReadyNC