

STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILLS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 17

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 14-20, statewide tornado drills have been planned for March 17. This statewide drill will help ensure that the statewide Indiana EAS network is operating properly and is ready to respond in the event of a real emergency.

The warning will sound sometime between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. EST and again between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. EST on commercial radio, television networks and NOAA all hazards radio. Wording identifying the alert as a test will be found throughout the warning, follow up statements, and the warning cancellation message.

A few important points to remember are:

- Learn the warning signs of severe weather.
- Develop an emergency supply kit that includes basics such as water, non-perishable food, flashlights, a blanket, a first aid kit and medicines to help a family survive on their own for up to 72 hours.
- Consider purchasing a NOAA all-hazards radio. These radios broadcast National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other post-event information for all types of hazards, both natural (such as earthquakes and tornadoes) and environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), 24 hours a day.
- Severe weather safety fact sheets are available on the IDHS website at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/getprepared>.