

Severe Weather Awareness Public Service Announcements

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland

ODPS Director Henry Guzmán

Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 25-31, 2007

Statewide Tornado Drill: March 28th at 9:50 a.m.

Governor's Resolution

Severe Weather Terms

Safety Drills; Tornado Safety Precautions
(ORC 3737.73)

Tornado Facts & Safety Tips

Tornado Safety & Dangers of Highway
Overpasses

Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 24-30, 2007

Thunderstorms & Lightning

Floods/Flood Insurance Info

Beat the Heat

Health & Safety (power outage, floods,
excessive heat)

Emergency Preparedness

Making a Disaster Plan

Preparedness Kit for Home

Preparedness Kit for Ohioans with Special
Needs

Preparedness Kit for Vehicle

Making a Disaster Plan for Pets

Preparedness Kit for Pets & Animals

Storm Ready

Get Involved

You Can Make a Difference!

-Storm Spotter Information

Skywarn

NWS Storm Spotter Trainings

-Volunteerism in Disasters

Ohio Citizen Corps

NOAA Weather Radio

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Public Alert Radios for Public Schools

EAS and Warning System Testing

Ohio Severe Weather History

Severe Weather in Ohio

Weather Awareness for Kids

OII Weather Safety Club

Owlie Skywarn's Weather Book

Ohio EMA Disaster Detectives

OCSWA Poster Contest

2007 Contest Rules

2006 State-Level Winning Posters

Winter Severe Weather Awareness Week: November 12- 18, 2006

Snow Emergency Classifications

Governor's Resolution

Letter from 2006 OCSWA Chair

Severe Weather Terms

2005-06 Ohio Winter Summary

Winter Preparedness for Schools

Wind Chill Index

Winter Home Safety Tips

Winter Vehicle Safety Tips

Winter Fire Safety

Flood/Flood Insurance

Winter Health & Safety Tips

Carbon Monoxide Info & Safety



Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness

Teaching Ohioans Severe Weather Safety and
Preparedness

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When Severe Weather Threatens Ohio, Safety Info Just a "Click" Away

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Columbus, OH – Information on the natural hazards that typically affects Ohio has been available through a link on the Ohio Emergency Management Agency Web site for a few years. But now, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has its own Web site for safety and preparedness information. Its address is: <http://www.ocswa.ohio.gov>.

Information on the site is updated at least three times a year. The site includes dates of Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, Lightning Safety Awareness Week and Winter Severe Weather Awareness Week. Also included is information on making disaster plans for the home and pets; making preparedness kits for the home and vehicle; and safety tips for tornadoes, floods, thunder and lightning storms, extreme heat, winter storms and home fires.

"Our new Web site contains valuable information and pertinent links to other weather safety sites," said Carol Shkolnik, of the Ohio Department of Aging and chairperson of the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. "It is the committee's goal to inform all Ohioans – young and old – of the weather hazards that most affect our state, and to encourage people to plan and know what to do before, during and after severe weather occurs."

The site also contains activities to increase severe weather awareness among school-aged children, including information on the committee's annual Severe Weather Awareness poster contest.

For nearly 30 years the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has been dedicated in educating the public on severe weather safety and preparedness. Committee members include the [American Red Cross](#), the [National Weather Service](#), [Ohio Emergency Management Agency](#), [Ohio Insurance Institute](#), [Ohio News Network](#), the [State Fire Marshal](#), the [Emergency Management Association of Ohio](#), and the [Ohio Departments of Aging, Education, Health, Insurance, and Natural Resources](#).