

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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Some Tips To Keep In Mind While Traveling On Snow And Ice Covered Roads

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – With the threat of severe winter weather moving into the state during the next 24 hours, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is offering these simple reminders to drivers on Ohio's roads and highways.

- Clear snow and ice away from all vehicle windows (inside and out) and lights (brakes, headlights, turn signals) to ensure visibility.
- Check weather reports prior to departing and allow extra travel time for weather and/or traffic delays.
- Know how your vehicle reacts on slick roads – allow extra time for stopping.
- If you must travel, be sure to advise those at your destination of a departure time, anticipated arrival time and planned travel route.
- If possible, carry a cellular telephone with an extra battery or charger, in the event you need to call for assistance.

"In addition to these simple reminders, the most important safety tip is to slow down," said Nancy J. Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. "Even after roadways are cleared, "black ice" may form on roads, bridges and overpasses, take the extra time necessary to arrive at your destination safely."

For further information on preparedness activities log on to www.ema.ohio.gov, www.ocswa.ohio.gov, www.fema.gov or www.ready.gov. For further information on road conditions log on to www.buckeyetraffic.org.