



Sun Prairie Area School District

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

Severe Weather Awareness

Wisconsin students and their families prepare and practice drills during Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin every year. This is typically in April. There have been 1,537 documented tornadoes in Wisconsin since 1844, causing 511 directly related deaths and at least 3056 directly related injuries. Lightning kills one person, on average, in Wisconsin each year. Severe weather must be taken seriously and we must be prepared for it when it arrives.

A mock tornado watch is issued on a designated date at 1 p.m., followed by a statewide mock tornado warning at 1:45 p.m. Many radio and TV stations across the state will issue the test tornado warnings. In addition, mock alerts will be issued on NOAA Weather Radios and many communities will sound their tornado sirens to test their emergency severe weather plans. Later, a mock tornado warning will be issued at 6:45 p.m. to give families and second-shift workers a chance to practice their emergency plans.

We are providing you with the following resources. The first item (highlighted) is to be read by all staff and shared with students in an age-appropriate manner.

Best Resource

<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/tornado/2018schoolTAW.pdf> - Please share this with all.

Additional Resources:

- <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>
- http://ready.wi.gov/tornado/school_safety.asp
- https://www.weather.gov/mkx/severe_weather_awareness
- <https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/wemnews/2018wemnews/ready18032>
- <https://dpi.wi.gov/education-events/events/tornado-and-severe-weather-awareness-week-2018>

