

# Severe Weather Watches and Warnings

## What to Listen For...

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a WATCH is issued. As storms develop, National Weather Service personnel use information from weather radar, storm spotters, and other sources to issue Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado WARNINGS for areas where severe weather is imminent or already occurring.

Watches and warnings are relayed to local radio and television stations and are broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards.

Local public safety officials also get the warnings, and can activate local warning systems to alert communities.

**Tornado Watch:** Severe thunderstorms with tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Be prepared to move to safety if a **Warning** is issued. Know what counties are in the watch area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards or local radio or television stations.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Thunderstorms with large hail and damaging winds are possible. Be prepared to move to safety if a **Warning** is issued.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Move to a place of safety now!

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** A thunderstorm with large hail and damaging winds has been reported or indicated by weather radar.

**Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm!**

## For More Information...

Check out these web sites for more safety tips, the latest weather forecast, and other weather awareness information.

### NOAA National Weather Service

<http://weather.gov>

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### Tornado Preparedness Plan for Schools

<http://www.weather.gov/arx/?n=schoolprep>

### Wisconsin Emergency Management

<http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>

### ReadyWisconsin

Web - <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>

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### FEMA for Kids

<http://www.fema.gov/kids>

### Ready Classroom: K-8 Preparedness Resources

<http://readyclassroom.discoveryeducation.com>

