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BE PREPARED; WEATHER WARNINGS CAN HAPPEN WITH NO NOTICE

CONCORD, N.H. – Take time now to prepare your family. Weather on Saturday afternoon brought with it more than ten weather warnings and advisories, including a tornado warning that caught many residents and visitors unprepared. Fortunately, initial damage reports appear to be limited to downed trees and scattered power outages.

“Emergency preparedness starts with you. We all have a responsibility to be prepared,” said NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “Know what to do and have the things you need to stay safe.”

The four steps toward preparedness are simple.

Stay Informed – sign up for NH Alerts to receive location-specific alerts from the National Weather Service and the State of New Hampshire. NH Alerts is also available for download on your iOS and Android devices. NH Alerts is a free service provided by the State of New Hampshire.

Have a Plan – make sure your family has a plan in case of any emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency.

Have an Emergency Kit – your emergency kit contains basic items you and your family may need if an emergency happens. At a minimum, plan to have at least a 3-day supply of food, water and medicine. Don’t forget to include extra face coverings and hand sanitizer during COVID-19 and flu season.

Get Involved – there are many ways to get involved, especially before an emergency occurs. Join a Community Emergency Response Team, take a CPR or First Aid class or volunteer in your community. Getting involved helps you and your community be prepared.

Learn more about preparedness at [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.ReadyNH.gov), where you can sign up for NH Alerts and download templates for your family plan and emergency kit.

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