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PREPARE FOR SEVERE WEATHER AHEAD OF A STORM

CONCORD, N.H. – Earlier this week, a tornado touched down in Charlestown, New Hampshire, reinforcing the importance of being prepared for all types of severe weather.

The National Weather Service issued a [preliminary report](#) Tuesday confirming an EF-0 tornado, which occurred during a Severe Thunderstorm Warning on Monday.

The National Weather Service defines an EF-0 tornado as wind gusts between 65 and 85 MPH.

The line of storms also downed trees causing damage to homes and roads and creating power outages in several communities.

The Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) provides many preparedness resources for New Hampshire's residents and visitors.

"Severe weather can happen anywhere, anytime and often without notice," said HSEM Director Jennifer Harper. "Have a plan ahead of time, make an emergency kit and sign up for NH Alerts to stay informed and to keep you and your family safe."

Learn more about staying informed, having a plan and making a kit online at ReadyNH.gov.

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