

The National Weather Service (NWS) North Platte, Nebraska has declared March 23rd through March 27th as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Nebraska. Each day during the preparedness week will feature information about a different severe weather related topic.

Lightning and Flood Threats

While much of the focus during severe weather is on tornadoes, wind and hail, there are actually more deaths caused each year by flooding and lightning, which are also commonly associated with severe weather. If you hear thunder or see lightning, head inside immediately! When Thunder Roars Go Indoors! Heavy rainfall from thunderstorms can quickly cause rivers to overrun their banks and cause street flooding in urban settings. Remember, if you encounter a flooded roadway, do NOT drive or walk into it. Turn Around Don't Drown®! Visit weather.gov/lightningsafety and weather.gov/floodsafety for more safety tips and information.