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NEWS RELEASE

PREPARE NOW FOR SEVERE STORMS EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine, warns residents and visitors in New Hampshire that there is an enhanced risk for severe storms Sunday.

The New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) urges residents and visitors to prepare now for the possibility of damaging winds, isolated tornadoes, hail, and flash flooding.

"Stay informed to keep you and your family safe," said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. "Review your family emergency plan now and make sure your emergency kit is stocked. Your kit should include important documents and contact information along with supplies."

The NWS said there is the potential for winds in excess of 70 mph, and the Storm Prediction Center has issued a 10% risk for tornadoes across New Hampshire for Sunday.

Campers should have a way to be aware of changing conditions and be prepared to evacuate to higher ground immediately if flooding occurs. Campers also should have a plan for alternative shelter if needed.

Director Buxton offers the following safety recommendations:

- Have multiple ways to receive weather alerts. Monitor storm updates from the National Weather Service and local news stations. Sign up for NH Alerts and download the Genasys Protect mobile app to receive free emergency notifications.
- If flooding occurs get to higher ground immediately. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 1 foot of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- If driving in a vehicle, remember the saying, "turn around, don't drown."
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water. Just 6 inches of water can reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- Prepare your home: Trim trees that may fall and cause damage.
- Tie down or bring indoors any objects that might be blown around by winds (outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, and other loose objects that are normally left outside).

- Follow instructions from local emergency officials and know how to safely evacuate should you be told to do so.
- Find the latest road conditions at [newengland511.org](https://www.newengland511.org).

Learn more about staying informed, having a plan and making a kit as well as the actions to take for different severe weather events online at [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.ReadyNH.gov).

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