

Severe Weather Emergencies



Are your construction crews prepared for severe weather?

Protect your employees, jobsite, vehicles, and equipment in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Tornadoes, rain, wind, and lightning can result in tremendous damage and costly delays on your project. Does your company have an emergency action plan for severe weather? Minimize the impact severe weather will have on your bottom line by preparing in advance.

Worker safety takes priority. In some situations, it may be necessary for workers to abandon the job site and leave the area quickly for their own protection.

Have a process in place for notifying job crews who are working in areas where a storm is headed. Job supervisors should also sign up for weather notifications on their mobile devices.

Follow all emergency weather alerts.

When a **“watch”** is issued, there’s potential for severe weather to develop.

A **“warning”** means severe weather is imminent or occurring, and the response should be immediate.

Determine how you’ll secure and protect the jobsite in the event of a storm. Assess each site for potential risks and vulnerable areas if severe weather should occur. Have material and supplies available to cover/protect your project. Secure all loose construction materials, tools, and equipment. When possible, move vehicles and expensive equipment indoors or to a location out of the storm area.

Go over the severe weather emergency action plan with all employees and review it before storm season. Keep a copy in all job site vehicles.

Make sure all job site vehicles are equipped with adequate first aid kits.

If storm damage should occur, check on the safety of all workers and then begin assessment, documentation, and mitigation efforts as soon as possible.

Stay safe and minimize losses in the event of severe weather!