



## Register Now for Statewide Tornado Drill March 12

Virginia's annual Statewide Tornado Drill will take place **Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 9:45 a.m.** The date will be observed as Tornado Preparedness Day. (If widespread severe weather threatens the commonwealth on that date, then the drill will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 13, at 9:45 a.m.)

The tornado drill is an important statewide safety exercise. In recent years Virginia has been hard hit by multiple tornadoes that have cost lives and left extensive property damage. Some communities continue to recover from devastating tornadoes.

In each of the past two years, some 1.2 million Virginians have registered to participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill. Registration for this year's drill is now open. To register and to learn more about planning a tornado drill, go to [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov) and click through the rotating graphics at the top of the page, or go to [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov). Additional help in planning a tornado drill is available through county and city emergency management offices.

The Statewide Tornado Drill is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Ready Virginia and the National Weather Service in cooperation with local emergency management offices. For further information write or call the VDEM Office of Public Affairs at [pio@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:pio@vdem.virginia.gov) or (804) 897-6510.

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