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Red Cross Offers App For Severe Weather Alerts

(KLZA) Severe Weather Awareness Week was last week in Kansas and Missouri. The Nebraska program will be held the week of March 25th.

The American Red Cross has a new cell phone app that will bring safety information to you during a tornado. (Play audio :10 seconds)

That is Liz Dorland, spokesperson for the American Red Cross in Nebraska and Southwest, Iowa.

Liz Dorland says smart phone and iPad users will be able to get this life saving information before, during and after a tornado. Users can also access a toolkit that includes a flashlight, strobe light and alarm.

The app includes other features like enhanced weather maps and a one-touch "I'm safe" messages that allows users to broadcast reassurance to family and friends that they are out of harms way.

The app includes a high-pitched siren and tornado warning alert that signals users when a tornado warning has been issued for the area. Dorland says there is important preloaded content that will give users important safety information. (play audio :10 seconds)

The app includes an "all clear" alert letting users know the tornado warning is no longer in effect. The Tornado App can be found in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store for android users.

The App also includes a message for friends and loved ones to send after the storm. (play audio :08 seconds)

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