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## **June 10 is Heat Awareness Day in Iowa**

DES MOINES – The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) and the National Weather Service (NWS) have designated June 10 as Heat Awareness Day in Iowa.

Heat is one of the most deadly weather phenomena. According to the NWS, in a normal year, about 175 Americans succumb to the demands of summer heat. In contrast to the visible, destructive, and violent nature of thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods, heat is a silent killer. Knowing the dangers of summer heat and how to prepare for it can save lives.

On Heat Awareness Day, the NWS will promote heat safety by issuing informative public information statements. HSEMD, along with the NWS, have provided information about heat safety and summer preparedness online at [www.bereadyiowa.org](http://www.bereadyiowa.org) and [www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/).

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