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Gov. Branstad Designates Jan. 22-28 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

DES MOINES – Governor Terry Branstad has designated the week of Jan. 22-28, 2012, as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week in Iowa.

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) and the Iowa Emergency Response Commission (IERC) for the first time will recognize the fourth week in January as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. The goal is to provide Iowans a better understanding about hazardous materials, their proper use, storage, and disposal, and the emergency response actions that can help minimize unnecessary accidents and exposure.

“Iowans work and live around hazardous materials every day,” said HSEMD Administrator Mark Schouten. “It only makes sense that we better prepare ourselves for possible accidents involving these materials, and learn how to prevent such accidents altogether.”

Brochures and fact sheets about hazardous materials safety are available for download on www.BeReady.iowa.gov, beginning today.

Additional information can be found on HSEMD’s [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed, where updates will be posted throughout the week.

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