

## WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Severe weather conditions can occur suddenly or be predicted ahead of time. Severe weather likely to occur in this area includes: accumulations of snow and ice, heavy rains, and high winds.

### **Personal Safety Guidelines:**

**Snow and ice:** To the greatest extent possible, walk only on paths that have been cleared and sanded. Exercise extreme caution when driving.

**Heavy rains and flooding:** In the case of extensive roof, window leaks, or imminent flooding, unplug electrical devices and secure all equipment by moving or covering it.

**High winds:** If possible, remain inside the building and away from windows. When outside, avoid areas with the heaviest concentration of trees. Stay clear of sagging or downed power lines.

**Thunderstorm:** If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. If you are outside, immediately move to a sturdy building or car. DO NOT use your cell phone or any electrical devices during a thunderstorm.

**Tornado:** Move to the lowest level of the building, preferably the basement. Put as many walls between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use arms to protect head and neck. Stay away from windows and open spaces. Stay there until danger has passed. If there is no basement, go to an interior room on the lowest level. DO NOT open windows.

### **Key Weather Terms:**

**Watch:** Threatening weather is likely. Remain calm and alert and prepared to implement a plan for action.

**Warning:** Severe weather is occurring or has been indicated by radar. The key is to remain calm, but take precautionary action IMMEDIATELY to protect your life and property.

If early warning has been received by the Department of Public Safety, a weather alert will be posted to the Siena College Emergency Info website [www.siena.edu/emergencyinfo](http://www.siena.edu/emergencyinfo). If the weather requires an emergency response, a message will be sent via the Siena Alert System