



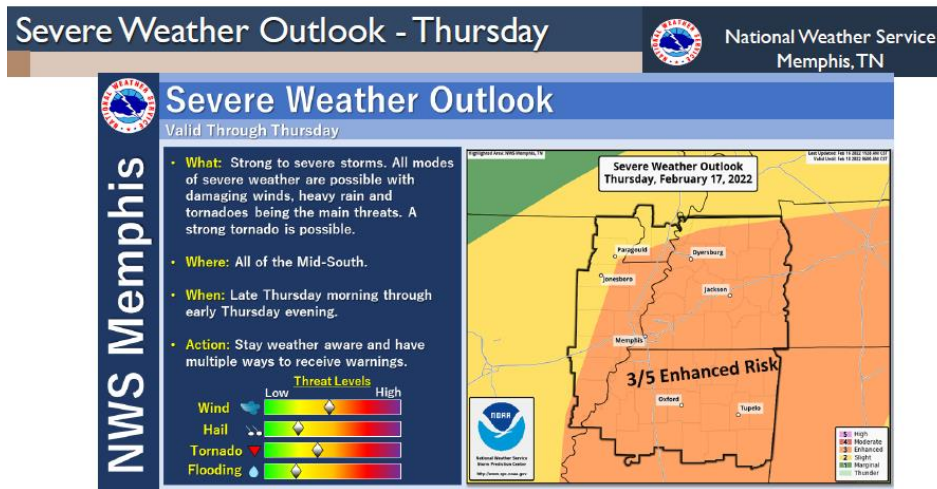
# News Release

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## Prepare Now! Severe Weather Predicted for the Mid-South.

The National Weather Service has indicated there is an enhanced risk for severe storms across the majority of the Mid-South on Thursday, February 17, 2022. In addition, there is a marginal risk of flash flooding and a wind advisory is in effect through Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 9PM. All modes of severe storms are possible, including damaging winds, hail, localized flooding and the possibility of a strong tornado.



## Be Prepared, Not Scared!

### Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado Safety Tips:

- Make sure you have a way to receive weather alerts, such as a NOAA weather radio.
- Know the alerts: **Severe Thunderstorm watch:** Conditions are favorable. Stay alert! **Severe thunderstorm warning:** Take shelter! Act now! **Tornado watch:** Conditions are favorable. Stay alert! **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been seen on radar or reported by a spotter. Take shelter!
- Be prepared to evacuate or shelter-in-place.
- Designate a “safe place” to shelter. Underground is best, such as a basement or storm shelter. If not possible, go to the center room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building.
- If you are in a vehicle, try to seek shelter in a sturdy building. If no building is near, pull over, keep seat belt on. Cover head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket.
- Avoid parking under bridges and overpasses.

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