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Seven Severe Weather Mobile Apps

What's the best way to keep track of severe weather and any actions that you may need to take? Look no further than your smart phone.

Here are a few apps for your mobile device that can keep you and your family safe during severe weather:

1. **Storm Shield** (iOS or Android) turns your smartphone into a NOAA emergency weather radio. Get storm-based alerts for tornado, hurricane, flood, thunderstorm, winter storms, and other life-threatening weather events via voice and push notification.
2. **The American Red Cross** (iOS or Android) provides free apps specifically geared towards certain severe weather events such as tornadoes and hurricanes. "Tornado by American Red Cross" and "Hurricane by American Red Cross" were created not only to alert users about incoming severe weather, but also to help them prepare and respond as needed.
Red Cross also has an "I'm Safe" app that sends messages to friends and family, pinpoints available shelters, and includes flash and strobe lights.
3. **Hurricane** (Android and iPhone) costs \$2.99 and features satellite imagery and bulletins provided by the National Hurricane Center. Users can track hurricane paths, speed, and pressure.
4. **Hurricane Track** (iPhone) is free and available for iPhone only. It does not have video capabilities (as the Hurricane app above does), but it will show eight satellite views and projected paths over a five-day period. Local forecasts and satellite images are also provided.
5. **Hurricane Tracker HD** (iOS) costs \$3.99 and was designed primarily for the larger iPad screen. It provides both audio and video updates, along with a Twitter integration feature through the "Real-Time Updates" button that lists the latest news bulletins posted on Twitter.
6. **The Weather Channel app** (iPhone, Android, Windows, and Blackberry) has been praised for its accuracy. The free app offers video, satellite images, local forecasts, and weather alerts.
7. **Hurricane Hound** (Android) is a free app (with ads) or for \$1.99 (ad-free). The app provides radar and satellite data with details on wind-speeds and 12-hour forecasts through the storm.