



## **Met Office severe weather warning service**

This short guide is designed to introduce users to the changes to the National Severe Weather Warning Service.

The screenshots you are about to see will provide an indication of how the new warnings are likely to be displayed on our web site. Please note that all web presentation is subject to change.

Lets take a look at the UK warnings page which provides an overall summary of warnings issued for the UK.

A quick visual summary indicates the types of warnings in force for the UK over the next five days. This is displayed on all pages of the Met Office website as a simple notification of warnings.

A map displays warnings and alerts which have been issued. Areas where warnings are in force are indicated by the colour shading. The shading shows the colour of the warning. For example red, amber or yellow. The icon indicates the warning type, for example rain or snow.

The Warnings Overview box shows simple thumbnail maps which are coloured when warnings or alerts are in force for the next five days.

The Regions box shows a summary table detailing which regions have warnings in force for the selected day. The icon type and colour indicates the colour and weather type of the warning.

Hovering over an icon gives you basic information about the warning including its start and end dates and times.

There is a key to the warning colours indicating the action to be taken for each colour.

There is also a key to the warnings icons.

At the bottom of the page there are useful links providing further information and guidance.

If required, you can choose to view additional information about a particular warning by expanding the Warning Assessment and selecting a warning.

The Chief Forecaster's Assessment explains why a warning has been given a particular colour, as well as indicating where any uncertainties lie.

The Weather Impact Matrix shows how the colour of the warning was decided based on the likelihood and potential impacts.

Now lets take a look at the Regional warnings pages which provide detail warnings for that region.

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The Warnings Overview box shows simple thumbnail maps coloured when warnings or alerts are in force for the next five days.

The Regions box shows a summary table detailing all warnings issued for the select region for the chosen day, including the weather type, colour and the issue time.

Warnings can be expanded to show the content of the warning including the issue time, start and end times, description and any advisory information.

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Thank you for taking the time to listen to this short guide. We hope you have found it useful.