

Tornado Safety Guide

During a Tornado, prior planning and quick action can save the lives of you and your family members.

STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS, DOORS, and OUTSIDE WALLS ALWAYS PROTECT YOUR HEAD

In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior part on the lowest level such as a closet, bathroom, or interior hall and get under something sturdy.

In schools, nursing homes, hospitals, factories, and in shopping centers, go to the pre-designated shelter area. Interior hallways on the lowest floor are usually the best.

In high-rise buildings, go to small interior rooms or hallways.

In vehicles or mobile homes, leave them and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands shielding your head.

Tornadoes will often accompany a Severe Thunderstorm and are only one of many thunderstorm hazards. Below is a list of other Thunderstorm Hazards (for more information, read our [Thunderstorm Awareness Guide](#)):

LIGHTNING

Can often kill and injure people, while also responsible for starting fires. Having your home or a building properly grounded will help prevent a lightning strike and probable damage to household/business equipment and/or appliances.

WINDS

Winds of a thunderstorm are usually very strong, and gusty which can result in a great amount of damage.

RAIN

Heavy downpours can result in flash floods.

HAIL

Not usually a life-threatening but can be very damaging.

FLASH FLOODS

Waters that can rise rapidly and without warning. They can destroy life and property

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WATCH AND A WARNING, YOUR LIFE COULD DEPEND ON IT.

TORNADO WATCH

Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible

TORNADO WARNING

There has been a tornado detected and you should take shelter immediately!

When Severe weather threatens STAY TUNED TO YOUR LOCAL RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION STATION FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.