

At-A-Glance

Tornado

Tornado Warning: A tornado is occurring, or likely to occur within minutes. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Get the latest updates by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, visiting www.weather.gov, or by tuning into your favorite radio or television weather stations.



Safety Tips Before a Tornado...

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs: dark, often greenish sky with large hail, a large dark low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating), and a loud roar (similar to a freight train) as signs of an impending tornado.

Safety Tips During a Tornado...

- If you are in a structure, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you are outside with no shelter, immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
- Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes. Abandon mobile homes and go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately.

Safety Tips After a Tornado...

- Monitor your battery-powered radio or television for emergency information.
- Do not touch downed power lines or objects in contact with downed power lines and report electrical hazards to the utility company.

Sources: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and weather.gov

Did you know?

During a Tornado, the safest place to be is in an underground shelter, basement, or safe room.

For additional information on tornadoes, go to www.ready.gov.



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