

Be Ready: Tornado Safety Tips for Watch and Warning

A tornado can strike with little warning. Being prepared and knowing what to do can save lives. Follow these tips to stay safe:

Tornado Watch

(Tornadoes are possible; stay alert!)

1. Monitor Weather Reports:

- Stay informed by listening to local news, NOAA Weather Radio, or trusted weather apps for updates.
- Pay attention to any changes in weather conditions.

2. Review Your Emergency Plan:

- Identify the safest place in your current location, such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor without windows.

3. Prepare Emergency Supplies:

- Gather a basic emergency kit with water, non-perishable food, flashlight, batteries, first aid kit, and essential medications.
- Ensure your cell phone is charged in case of a power outage.



Tornado Warning

(A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar; take immediate action!)

1. Take Shelter Immediately:

- Move to your pre-designated safe place immediately.
- Avoid windows, doors, and exterior walls.
- If you're in a vehicle, try to find a sturdy building for shelter. If none is available, lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area and cover your head.

2. Protect Yourself:

- If in your residence, go to a basement or the lowest floor. If none is available, move to an interior room like a bathroom or closet.
- Use mattresses, heavy blankets, or helmets to cover yourself from flying debris.

3. Stay Away From Windows:

- Flying glass can be deadly during a tornado. Stay as far away from windows as possible.

4. Wait for the All Clear:

- Stay in your safe location until the storm has passed and CAU Public Safety give the all-clear.