

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

In homes, the basement offers the greatest safety. Seek shelter under sturdy furniture if possible. In homes without basements, take cover in the center part of the house, on the lowest floor, in a small room such as a closet or bathroom or under sturdy furniture. Keep away from windows.

In shopping centers, go to a designated shelter area (not to your parked car).

In office buildings, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor or to the designated shelter area.

In schools, follow advance plans to a designated shelter area, usually an interior hallway on the lowest floor. If the building is not of reinforced construction, go to a nearby one that is or take cover outside on low, protected ground. Stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums and other structures with wide, free-span roofs.

In automobiles, leave your car and seek shelter in a substantial nearby building or lie flat in a nearby ditch or ravine.

In open country, lie flat in the nearest ditch or ravine.

Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable and should be evacuated. Trailer parks should have a community storm shelter and a warden to monitor broadcasts throughout the severe storm emergency. If there is no shelter nearby, leave the trailer and take cover on low, protected ground.