

JOURNEY TO Tornado Safety

AFTER A TORNADO

CONTINUE TO MONITOR YOUR BATTERY POWERED RADIO, TELEVISION, OR INTERNET DEVICE FOR EMERGENCY INFORMATION.

Stay aware of weather conditions.

The following weather signs may mean that a tornado is approaching:

- ➡ a dark or green-colored sky
- ➡ a large, dark, low-lying cloud
- ➡ large hail
- ➡ a loud roar that sounds like a freight train.

If you notice any of these conditions, take cover immediately, and keep tuned to local radio and TV stations or to a NOAA weather radio.

Buildings

Be careful when entering any structure that has been damaged.

Hazards

Be aware of hazards from exposed nails and broken glass.

Protect

Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and gloves when handling or walking on or near debris.

Electric

Do not touch downed power lines or objects in contact with downed lines.

Gas

DO NOT USE matches, lighters, appliances, or turn on light switches until you are sure there are no gas leaks.

DURING A TORNADO

If you are under a tornado warning seek shelter immediately!

Get to a basement. Do NOT stay in a mobile home.

Most injuries are from flying debris - Protect Your Head!

AVOID WINDOWS. An exploding window can injure or kill.

If you are outdoors lie down flat in a gully, ditch, or low spot on the ground.

BEFORE A TORNADO



Make sure your children know what a tornado is, what tornado watches and warnings are, and how to take shelter, both at home and school.



Know where to shelter in your area. Have a tornado emergency plan for shelter, including for people in your family with special needs.



Stay aware of changing weather conditions. Have fresh batteries and a battery-operated TV, radio, or internet enabled device to listen to the latest emergency weather information.



Have an emergency kit (including water, non-perishable food, and medication); and a list of important information, including telephone numbers. Write down your health needs (medications, limitations, etc) and keep in your purse or wallet.

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