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Tornado Safety - outdoors

PREPARE:

- Know the weather forecast
- Have a way to receive warnings
- Know if there is tornado shelter and where it is located

TAKE COVER:

- Get inside a tornado shelter or sturdy building
- *Drive away ONLY IF*
 - Time permits
 - You know the direction storm is moving
 - Drive at a right angle to the direction the storm is moving



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Tornado Safety - indoors



- Get underground if possible
- Above ground:
 - Interior room (hall , closet or bathroom)
 - No windows
- Get under something sturdy
- Cover your head



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Tornado Safety - DUCK

Down to the lowest level
Under something sturdy
Cover your head
Keep in shelter until the storm has passed

Get under stairs



Your shelter should have:

- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Shoes
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Radio

Tornado Safety

In Homes or Small Businesses

Go to the basement or small interior room. Cover your head and stay away from windows.



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In Mobile Homes

GET OUT and take shelter in a sturdy building or storm shelter. *There is no safe place to shelter in a mobile home!*

In a Vehicle

Get out and into a sturdy shelter! If one is not available, get out of the vehicle and into a low spot, covering your head from flying debris **OR** stay in the vehicle, buckle up, and get down. NEITHER are good options! *It's best to NOT put yourself in this situation.*





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Identify a safe shelter ahead of time!

High winds: (It doesn't take a tornado!)

- Stay inside, away from windows
- If in a mobile home or weak structure, treat the threat like a tornado

Tornadoes:

- **DUCK:** Down to the lowest level, Under something sturdy, Cover your head, and Kee in shelter until storm has passed
- If no basement, put as many walls between you and the outside as possible. (Like hall closets or interior bathrooms)
- If in a vehicle or mobile home, go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter

Have pets? Check before hand if your shelter allows pets.



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Do Not Shelter Under an Overpass



DID YOU KNOW?

Winds are stronger under a bridge!

The narrow passage under an overpass may cause an increase in the wind speed under the bridge (wind tunnel effect)!

You can be sucked out or hit by flying debris!