

TORNADO or THUNDERSTORM

What to do During a Tornado Watch

1. Be alert for approaching storms. Post “spotters” as prearranged.
2. Be ready to take shelter.
3. Monitor the weather warning receiver and local radio and television station.
4. Avoid use of telephones if lightning is occurring.

What to do During a Tornado Warning

1. When the city’s storm warning system is activated begin moving to shelter if revolving funnel cloud(s) are seen and, if possible, report the sighting to the local police department or sheriff’s office.
2. Proceed with students to pre-designated tornado shelter areas. Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls. Assume the squat position with head protected. Remain there until the tornado has passed.
3. Stay inside the building. If outside and unable to get to a building, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands shielding your head.
4. O & M personnel will turn off utilities at the direction of the President and the O & M Team Leader.
5. Remain in shelter areas until the warning has been terminated. The President or designee will declare the emergency to be over.

What to do After a Tornado Has Passed

1. Check for injuries. Do not attempt to move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of death or further injury. If you must move someone, first stabilize the neck and back, then call for help immediately.
2. Use great caution when leaving a damaged building. Look out for broken glass inside and outside. Be alert for downed power lines and treat all wires as though they are hot.
3. Implement procedures to resume school, dismiss or keep students as warranted.
4. Monitor local radio or television stations for official information or instructions.
5. Do not return to the building until authorized by local officials.