

Tornadoes

IF YOU ARE UNDER A TORNADO WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT WAY

- ⇒ If you can get to a sturdy building, then do so immediately.
- ⇒ Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.
- ⇒ If you are in a building with no basement, then get to a small interior room on the lowest level.
- ⇒ Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
- ⇒ Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
- ⇒ Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.
- ⇒ Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris. Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground.

PREPARE NOW

- **Know your area's tornado risk. In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.**
- **Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud; an approaching cloud of debris; or a loud roar—similar to a freight train.**
- **Sign up for your community's warning system. If your community has sirens, then become familiar with the warning tone.**
- **Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.**
- **Identify and practice going to a safe shelter in the event of high winds. A safe shelter is a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.**



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