



Tornado Safety Guidance

Tornado Safety Tips

- Tornadoes may strike quickly with little to no warning
- Peak season March-May
- Average speed 30-70 mph
- Look for danger signs like dark skies, large hail, low-lying or rotating clouds
- Listen for a loud roar, like a freight train

Be Prepared- Know Your Surroundings

- Remain Calm
- Quickly collect your personal items
- Go to a pre-designated shelter area (bottom floor/enclosed room).
- Put as many walls as possible between you & outside
- Get under a sturdy table & use your arms to protect your head & neck.

Tornado Terminology

TORNADO WATCH: Weather conditions could lead to the formation of severe storms and tornadoes. **BE PREPARED:** Know your safe location. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.

TORNADO WARNING: A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar, meaning a tornado is occurring or expected soon. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

TORNADO EMERGENCY: An exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Communication- Have Multiple Ways of Receiving Warnings

- **Alert Apps:** BCAlert, Everbridge (for Springdale), LiveSafe App
- Local TV/Radio/Weather Radio
- NWACC website
- Twitter, Facebook, Instagram
- Outdoor warning sirens
- Mass notification boards (if on campus)

