

Tornado

There are two types of messages issued by the Weather Bureau dealing with tornados:

1. Tornado Watch – issued to alert the possibility of tornado development in a specific area for a specific time. It is not necessary to interrupt the normal operations during a tornado watch.
2. Tornado Warning – issued when a tornado has actually been sighted in the area or indicated by radar. Warnings will indicate the location of the tornado, the time of detection, the area through which it is expected to move, and the time period during which the tornado will move through the affected area. When a warning issued, the individuals should take immediate safety precautions.

Procedures for Seeking Shelter

If sufficient time is available to evacuate persons to a safer area prior to a tornado, persons should seek shelter on the first floor along interior walls, avoiding windows and skylights.

If there is no time to evacuate, persons should seek shelter under heavy furniture, desks, or in a closet to avoid injuries from debris (look around your area and select your shelter area after reading this procedure).