



Office of Emergency Management

At-A-Glance

# Tornadoes



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**Tornado Warning:** A tornado is occurring, or likely to occur within minutes. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.  
**Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Get the latest updates by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, visiting [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov), or by tuning into your favorite radio or television weather stations.

## Safety Tips Before a Tornado...

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information.
- Look for the following danger signs: dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large dark low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating); a loud roar (similar to a freight train)

## Safety Tips During a Tornado...

- If you are in a structure, go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level.
- If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway). Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
- If you are outside with no shelter, immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
- Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes.
- If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.

## Safety Tips After a Tornado...

- Monitor your battery-powered radio or television for emergency information.
- Do not touch downed power lines or objects in contact with downed power lines

## Did You Know?

The State of Ohio has a Safe Room Rebate Program that starts accepting applications January 9, 2017.

For additional information on tornadoes, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

For additional information about the Safe Room Rebate Program, visit [ema.ohio.gov](http://ema.ohio.gov).

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