



KEEP SAFE WHEREVER YOU ARE DURING DANGEROUS STORMS

Have a safety plan in place and take action, whether you're inside or outside.

If you've lived in the Midwest for any length of time, you know this section of the country has a reputation for being a place where tornadoes are relatively common, especially in the warmer months. Although tornadoes are more common in the Midwest and the Central Plains, they have been reported in all 50 states.

While it's helpful to always know the forecast for your area, it's particularly important during the summer months when severe weather can put lives at risk. Pay attention when the forecast calls for thunderstorms and the potential for severe weather.

You should stay in your safe space until the severe risk has passed your area. Remember, multiple rounds of storms producing tornadoes are possible when severe weather strikes your city. Once the threat has passed, then let family and loved ones know you're safe.

THE FOLLOWING ARE TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE WHEN A TORNADO DEVELOPS.

AT HOME

Once a tornado watch has been issued for your area, meaning conditions are favorable for them to develop, you want to **stay updated with local media or other sources**. If you're at home and a tornado warning is issued, **go to your basement or an interior space with no windows or doors to the outside**. Take your pets with you.

AT WORK

If you've never practiced what to do during severe weather at school or work, now may be a good time to **familiarize yourself with safety plans**. Where are the tornado shelters at your workplace? If your company doesn't have a plan, consider developing one. When a tornado warning is issued, **help your co-workers get to a safe place with no windows**.

OUTSIDE

If you are outside during a tornado warning, try to **find shelter in a sturdy building**. It's important to remember that sheds, storage facilities, mobile homes, and tents are unsafe during tornado warnings. If no shelter is available, **lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area, cover your head with your arms, and get as far away from trees as possible**.

ON THE ROAD

If you can't safely drive to a shelter, **pull over, leave the car, and seek refuge in a low-lying area like a ditch**. Make sure to cover your head. Do not try to outrun the storm. A vehicle is considered one of the least safe places during a tornado.