

TORNADO PROCEDURES

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TORNADO WATCH

A “Tornado Watch” is issued when atmospheric conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes in a given area. Under these conditions, stay informed by listening to radio or television.

A TORNADO WARNING

A “Tornado Warning” indicates that a tornado has been sighted and poses a definite threat to a given area. Take cover as soon as possible.

WARNING SIGNALS

- A NOAA weather alert radio will sound the appropriate alert as required by the National Weather Service.
- Outdoor sirens will sound for a period in excess of three minutes. When this occurs, seek shelter, tune into local radio and TV stations to determine the nature of the emergency.
- A voice message will be broadcast over WBAA, Boiler TV, and other local radio and television stations.

The **ALL CLEAR** signal is announced by radio and television stations.

WHEN TAKING SHELTER

Proceed to the basement of any building that has a basement or subwalk. Position yourself in an interior corridor of the area away from glass. Be prepared to kneel facing a wall and cover your head.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

The National Weather Service issues severe thunderstorm watches and warnings. Remember that tornadoes are spawned from severe thunderstorms, so monitor NOAA weather alerts.

SIREN TESTING

The exterior warning sirens are tested at 11:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month except during periods of adverse weather conditions.