

TORNADOES

THOUSANDS OF TORNADOES OCCUR EACH YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

TEXAS SEES AN AVERAGE OF 125 TORNADOES A YEAR, MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE! OKLAHOMA AVERAGES 57 TORNADOES PER YEAR.

Tornadoes can occur at any time, however they are most likely to occur during the spring or summer months between the hours of 3 and 9 PM.

Peak tornado season in the southern states is March through May; in the northern states, it is late spring through early summer.

What to Look For:

Dark skies, often with a greenish tone

A heavy, lowering cloud that may begin to rotate. These supercells are often rain-free.

Large hail

Loud roar, often compared to the sound of a freight train

TORNADO READINESS



Stay Alert by signing up to receive local weather and emergency alerts from <http://hotready.com/>

You can purchase A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Radio which will provide alerts from the National Weather Service. Some of the more advanced radios will even allow you to charge your cell phone or other USB-powered devices.

There are also National Warning Systems that Wireless and cellular providers partner with the (NOAA) to provide text alerts to mobile devices.

TORNADO ALERTS

BE PREPARED.

WEATHER CONDITIONS
FAVOR
THUNDERSTORMS
CAPABLE OF
PRODUCING
TORNADOES.

BE READY TO ACT
QUICKLY.



A TORNADO HAS BEEN
SIGHTED OR INDICATED
BY RADAR.

TAKE ACTION BY
MOVING TO AN INTERIOR
ROOM ON THE LOWEST
FLOOR AND AVOID
WINDOWS



STAYING SAFE DURING A TORNADO

Designate a safe place in your home or business, and go there during harsh weather.

If an underground basement or shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor of the building.

Stay away from windows. The pressure and high-velocity winds, as well as debris, can easily break glass and injure you severely.

Leave your vehicle immediately and seek shelter in a sturdy building. Never try to outrun a tornado!

Mobile homes should be abandoned immediately.

If no sturdy shelter is available, take cover in a low-lying area such as a ditch or creek. Lay flat on your stomach with your hands covering your head.

Some tornadoes may develop so rapidly that advanced warning is not possible.

Stay alert for signs of a tornado and watch for debris.