

American Red Cross Tornado Safety Tips



Be Prepared in Time of Disaster

- Tornadoes can happen in every state of the United States.
- Tornado season is from March to August. April, May, and June are peak tornado months, but tornadoes are possible in any month.
- Tornadoes are born in severe thunderstorms and are often accompanied by lightning, heavy rain, hail, and sometimes hurricanes.

- Have a portable radio, flashlight, extra batteries, emergency supplies, and a first aid kit on hand.
- Plan where you would go for safety and practice a tornado safety drill.

When a tornado watch is issued for your county, a tornado is possible, so be alert.

When a tornado warning is issued for your county, a tornado has been sighted or is about to strike.

- Go to safety immediately.
- Stay away from windows.
- Go to the basement. If there is no basement, go to the lowest floor and into a bathroom or closet in the center of the building.

- Protect yourself under something sturdy and protect your head.
- Leave your mobile home or car, and if there is no substantial shelter nearby, seek protection in a ditch or low-lying area. (Be alert, though, for flash floods.)

