

TORNADO

A. Tornado Watch

A tornado watch means weather conditions are favorable for tornados to develop.

B. Tornado Warning

A tornado warning means a tornado has actually been sighted or indicated by radar in the surrounding area.

1. Sirens will be activated.
2. Campus Police will also make announcements over their vehicles' PA system.

NOTE: Tornado sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at noon, unless it is questionable weather that day.

C. Tornado Protection Procedures

1. When you hear a siren or are notified, seek shelter in a predetermined area (preferably in an interior hallway on the lowest floor of the building), clear the classrooms and residential rooms. Direct individuals to a shelter area.
2. When a tornado approaches, you should assume a kneeling position facing the wall and cover your head with your arms..
3. Stay away from doors and windows.
4. Laboratories should be secured. Shut off gas burners or other equipment which could cause additional health and safety concerns.
5. Do not leave the shelter until the "all clear" has been given.

