

85.22 Tornado

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1. **Watch and Warning.** The difference between a “Tornado Watch” and a “Tornado Warning” are:

A. **TORNADO WATCH** means tornadoes are expected to develop, and

1. Stay tuned to your local radio and television stations for further development.
2. Keep a portable radio and flashlight available in case of electrical outage.

B. **TORNADO WARNING** means a tornado has been sighted, and the Early Warning Sirens will sound a three-minute steady tone indicating a tornado warning.

2. **Campus Instructions.** In the event of a tornado warning:

A. Students and guests need to follow instructions given by the building coordinators.

B. Seek shelter immediately.

C. If your building has an accessible basement, go there.

D. Otherwise, seek an interior space on the ground floor of your building.

E. If you are outdoors and you cannot get to a building, take shelter in a ditch or depression, lie flat, and cover your head. Stay away from large trees, metal poles and other possible electrical conductors.

F. Do not go to your parked car. If you are in a car, leave the car and follow the instructions above.

G. Stay tuned to your local radio station for further development.

3. **At Home.** If you are at home, get away from windows, doors, and outside walls. Go to the basement, if possible. If you have no basement, go to the first floor bathroom, closet, or room at the center of the house. If possible, get under heavy furniture or cover your head with blankets or pillows. Stay tuned to your local radio station for further development.