

## AT-A-GLANCE: TORNADO

**Tornado Watch:** *Tornado possible. Be prepared.* Weather conditions favor thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes at this location on the map.

**Tornado Warning:** *Tornado expected! Seek Shelter.* A tornado is occurring or will shortly at this location on the map.



### Prepare for...

- 🌀 **Be Weather-Ready:** Check the forecast regularly, and listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio
- 🌀 **Sign Up for Notifications:** [www.READYNOTIFY.US](http://www.READYNOTIFY.US)
- 🌀 **Create and Practice Your Plan:** Pick a safe room such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows

### During a...

- 🌀 **Stay Weather-Ready:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio
- 🌀 **At Your House:** If in a tornado warning go to your safe room. Don't forget pets if time allows
- 🌀 **At Work/School:** Proceed to your tornado shelter location quickly and calmly. Stay away from windows and do not go to large open rooms such as cafeterias, gyms, or auditoriums
- 🌀 **Outside:** Seek shelter inside a sturdy building immediately. Sheds, storage facilities, mobile homes, and tents are **NOT** safe.
- 🌀 **In a vehicle:** Being in a vehicle during a tornado is **NOT** safe. If possible, drive to the closest shelter otherwise abandon your car and seek shelter in a low-lying area such as a ditch or ravine.



### After a...

- 🌀 **Stay Informed:** Continue to listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio
- 🌀 **Contact Family/Loved Ones:** Text messages or social media are more reliable forms of communication than phone calls
- 🌀 **Assess the Damage:** Contact local authorities if you see power lines down. Stay out of damaged buildings. Be aware of insurance scammers if your property has been damaged
- 🌀 **Help Your Neighbor:** If you come across people that are injured and you are properly trained, provide first aid to victims if needed until emergency response teams arrive

