

FAST Guide To Emergency Prep: *Tornadoes*

The Dangers Of Tornadoes

Tornadoes are one of nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds.

This guide offers tips to keep you and your employees safe before, during and after one of these powerful storms.



Tornadoes can produce wind speeds *in excess of 200 mph*.



Tornadoes cause an average of *60-65 fatalities* and *400 injuries* each year.

Before A Tornado



Create An Emergency Action Plan

Have a written plan in place in case of a tornado emergency. All employees should undergo training so they understand where to go and what to do in case of an emergency.

Stay Alert

Look for approaching storms and be aware of the following danger signs:

Dark, often greenish sky

Loud roar, similar to a freight train

Large hail

A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)



Know The Terms

Familiarize yourself and employees with these terms to identify a tornado hazard:

Tornado Watch - "Be Aware." Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or TV for information.

Tornado Warning - "Take Action!" A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.



During A Tornado

In A Structure

Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, or the lowest level of the building. Stay away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

In A Manufactured Home Or Office

Get out immediately and seek shelter in a nearby building or storm shelter.



Outside With No Shelter

Find a nearby ditch or depression and lay as flat as possible while using your arms to cover your head and neck. Do not get under an overpass or bridge.



After A Tornado

Keep Listening

Stay tuned to local radio and TV for weather updates.

Report Immediate Danger

Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately.

No Open Flames

Use battery powered flashlights when examining buildings - DO NOT use candles or any other open flames.



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