

Emergency Preparedness ■ Tornadoes

■ Individual and Group Safety Information.

The following are important safety considerations for individuals:

- Remember that the National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WATCH when the possibility of tornadoes exists within a given region.
- A TORNADO WARNING is issued when a tornado is spotted or indicated on radar.
- Remember that tornados form suddenly and there may not be time for a TORNADO WARNING before a twister strikes. All faculty and staff should know the difference between a WATCH and a WARNING.
- Stay in interior hallways on the ground floor that are NOT parallel to the tornado's path, OR basements.
- Never take shelter in buildings with wide, free-span roofs (e.g. Moore Fieldhouse)
- Avoid all windows and other glassed areas.
- Faculty and staff are advised to become familiar with the Severe Weather Shelter Zone buildings closest to their office/work stations.
- Upon notice of a TORNADO WATCH, locate your personal items and keys in case an evacuation is necessary. Upon notice of a TORNADO WARNING, turn your computer off, gather personal items (purse, cell phone, office keys), lock your office, and move quickly to a Severe Weather Shelter Zone.

- Once in a shelter area, individuals should assume a protective posture, including covering one's head, facing an interior wall.
- Remember that most tornado deaths are caused by head injuries.
- Please do not leave the shelter until the "all clear" sign is given on the WeatherChek line, or by members of the University Police Department.