

Tornado

WATCH:

- ✓ Tornadoes are possible
- ✓ Remain alert – stay tuned

Tornado

WARNING:

- ✓ Sighted or indicated by weather radar
- ✓ **TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!**

Severe Storms in NC



“Severe” thunderstorms **MUST** have **one** of the following –

- ✓ Hail of at least 1.0” diameter
- ✓ Winds of 58 mph or stronger
- ✓ Produce a tornado



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FLASH FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

- **Move to higher ground when –**
 - A Flash Flood Warning is issued
 - Any possibility of a flash flood exists
 - Do not wait for instructions!
- **Do not walk through moving water**
- **Do not drive into flooded areas**
- **Do not ignore traffic barricades that close off flooded roadways**
- **Do not camp or park along streams, rivers, or creeks**

18"

of flowing
water can carry
away most
vehicles

6"

of fast-moving
water can knock
over an
adult



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Family Emergency Plan



Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____ Phone: _____

Out of Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____ Phone: _____

Out of Town Meeting Place: _____ Phone: _____

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Important Medical Information: _____

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Write down where your family spends the most time; work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One: _____ School Location One: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Two: _____ School Location Two: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Work Location Three: _____ School Location Three: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Other place you frequent: _____ Other place you frequent: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Evacuation Location: _____ Evacuation Location: _____

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____ Policy Number: _____

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Dial 911 for Emergencies

Develop an Emergency Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes. Make sure everyone knows how to:

- Get to a safe place
- Contact each other
- Get back together
- Respond and be flexible



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Receiving Severe Weather Alerts

- **NOAA Weather Radio (NWR):**
 - Broadcasts continuous weather information
 - Audible alert when watches/warnings are issued
 - Purchased at electronic and large retail stores for <\$40
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA):**
 - Alerts via cell phone or mobile device
 - No need to download an app or subscribe to a service
 - Alerts look like text message
 - Free service!
- **Cell Phone Apps:**
 - Many to choose from that provide real-time NWS alerts
 - Some are free, while others charge a small fee
- **Emergency Alert System (EAS) + Radio/TV:**
 - Warnings via broadcast, cable, satellite, and wireline services
 - Tune to your local TV, radio station, or web site for details!



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Tornado Shelter Safety



IN A STRUCTURE

- Go to an interior safe area on the lowest floor
- Use arms to protect head and neck
- Do not open windows!



IN A MANUFACTURED HOME

- Get out immediately!
- Go to a sturdy, nearby building or storm shelter
- Mobile homes offer little protection



NO SHELTER AVAILABLE

- Drive to the closest sturdy shelter
- If your car is hit by flying debris, get to a low lying area and cover your head
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge!

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