

Tornado Safety Checklist

What should I do if a tornado warning is issued?

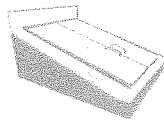


- The safest place to be is in an underground shelter, basement or safe room.
- If no underground shelter or safe room is available, a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.
 - Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes or other severe winds.
 - If you have access to a sturdy shelter or a vehicle, abandon your mobile home immediately. If you need to drive to get to a sturdy shelter, always wear your seat belt.
 - Don't wait until you see a tornado to take action. If a warning is issued, seek shelter immediately.

Watch or Warning?

- WATCH** Tornadoes are possible in and near the area. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued.
- WARNING** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. A tornado poses imminent danger to life and property.
- Visit redcross.org for more information on how to make an emergency kit!

What should I do to prepare for a tornado?



- Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room (closet, hallway, or bathroom) on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Watch for tornado danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish clouds
 - Wall cloud – an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm
 - Cloud of debris
 - Large hail
 - Funnel cloud – a visible rotating extension of the cloud base
 - Roaring noises

Family Plan

If separated, our meeting place near our home is:

If we cannot return home or are asked to evacuate, our meeting place outside of our neighborhood is:

In the event our household is separated or unable to communicate with each other, our emergency contact outside of our immediate area is:

Name

Phone

Tornado Safe Place

The safest place inside our home is

If there is not a safe place in our home, we will go here



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Home Fire Safety Checklist

Cooking Safety



- "Keep an eye on what you fry." Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or using an open flame.

Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.



- "3 feet from the heat." Furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire are at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.

Smoking Safety



- Never smoke in bed.

Electrical and Appliance Safety



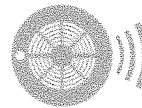
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.

Children Playing



- Matches and lighters are locked away.

Smoke Alarms



- Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless it has a long-life battery.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- Test your smoke alarms each month. If they're not working, they can't get you out the door.

Home Fire Escape Plan



- At least twice a year, practice your fire escape plan with all family members.
- Practice makes perfect! After each fire drill, mark down your escape time.

What's Your Escape Time?

Make sure everyone can escape in two minutes or less.

Drill 1

Drill 2



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Hurricane Safety Checklist

Don't wait. Evacuate.



- If advised by authorities, evacuate the area immediately. Avoid any flooded roads and/or washed out bridges.

What should I do to prepare for a hurricane?



- Learn about your community's response plan.
- Identify a place you will go in the event of an evacuation.
- Plan your evacuation route or routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

What do I do after a hurricane?



- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Do not use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.
- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

Watch or Warning?

- WATCH** Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.
- WARNING** Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

- Visit redcross.org for more information on how to make an emergency kit!

Family Plan

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If we cannot return home or are asked to evacuate, our meeting place outside of our neighborhood is:

In the event our household is separated or unable to communicate with each other, our emergency contact outside of our immediate area is:

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Name

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Phone

Plan your evacuation routes. Your primary route may not be accessible, so list two routes.

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Route 1

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Route 2



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