

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

When a tornado approaches, your immediate action may mean life or death.

KEEP LISTENING

Local Action—IF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS DEVELOP turn on your radio or television for information.

In most Indiana communities, the Air Raid Sirens will be activated to alert the public. There will be a three minute steady blast of all sirens indicating a storm with tornado possibilities is approaching the area. This signal has one significance: TURN ON YOUR RADIO OR TELEVISION FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. This does not mean that a tornado has been sighted in your area, but does indicate a possibility. Your radio and television station will give you more complete information.

Check with your local civil or air defense authorities or law enforcement agencies for more specific information concerning your own community.

WHAT TO DO

IN CITIES OR TOWNS

Seek inside shelter, preferably in a tornado cellar, underground excavation, or a steel-framed or reinforced concrete building of substantial construction. STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

In office buildings—stand in an interior hallway on a lower floor, preferably in the basement.

In factories—On receiving a tornado warning, post a lookout. Workers should move quickly to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection in accordance with advance plans.

In homes—the corner of the basement away from the tornado usually offers the greatest safety. In a house with no basement, take cover under heavy furniture in the center part of the house. Keep windows closed and stay away from them!

IN SCHOOLS

Go to storm cellar or underground excavation if available. If there is no storm cellar but building is of reinforced construction, stay inside, away from windows. Whenever possible, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. AVOID AUDITORIUMS AND GYMNASIUMS with large poorly supported roofs.

If a building is not of reinforced construction, go quickly to a nearby reinforced building, or to a ravine or open ditch and kneel, cover your head with your hands and rest your elbows on the ground.

IN OPEN COUNTRY

Move away from the tornado's path at a right angle. If there is no time to escape, kneel, cover your head with your hands and rest your elbows on the ground in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.

