



Tornado Watch and Warning Procedures

Tornado Watch:

What does a Tornado Watch mean?

- A Tornado watch means that tornadoes are possible in and near the area.
- Watch areas are typically large and can cover numerous counties.

What happens when there is a Tornado Watch?

- The community will be notified via text message, voicemail and email.
- Class proceeds as normal unless instructed otherwise.
- Students may not be permitted to leave campus for scheduled events or activities.
- School sponsored vehicle reservations may be suspended.
- Students are encouraged to remain indoors until the tornado watch expires.

Tornado Warning:

What does a Tornado Warning mean?

- A Tornado warning means that tornado(s) have been sighted or indicated by weather radar.
- Warning typically encompasses a much smaller area that is likely to be directly impacted by the severe weather.

What happens when there is a Tornado Warning?

- The community will be notified via campus emergency siren, text message, voicemail and email.
- Students should proceed to the nearest shelter location unless instructed otherwise.
- Students are not be permitted to leave campus for scheduled events or activities.
- School sponsored vehicle reservations will be suspended.
- Students are required to remain indoors until the tornado warning expires.

Campus Indoor Shelter Locations:

Beall: Ground Beall Hallway

Bryan: Ground Bryan Hallway

ETC: Ground Floor ETC Hallway

Hill: Ground Hill Tunnel

Hunt: Ground Hunt Hallway

ITS Cottage: 1st Floor Interior Bathroom and Offices.

Maintenance: Ground Bryan Hallway

PEC: Interior Locker Rooms, Bathrooms or Trainer Rooms

Reynolds: Ground Reynolds Hallway

Royall: Ground Royall Hallway

Watts: Ground Watts Hallway

Sheltering Outside:

Should other danger cause the immediate evacuation of the buildings, the effected persons should quickly leave the building using the nearest exit. Upon leaving the building, persons should remain at least 200 feet or further if advised away from the building. Do no attempt to re-enter the building until the 'ALL CLEAR' is given.

What You Can Do to Prepare:

- Review and discuss your emergency policies and procedures.
- Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.
- Be familiar with the physical layout of the building. Including exits, evacuation routes and fire extinguishers.