



TORNADO SAFETY

APARTMENTS

If you live in an apartment - especially an upstairs apartment - it can be difficult to know where to go during a tornado. Take time NOW to get prepared.

BEST OPTIONS

Seek shelter in the lowest level of the building in an interior room with no windows. Talk to your building manager to see if they have a designated storm shelter. If there is none, get to know your first-floor neighbor.

OTHER OPTIONS

Seek shelter in a covered parking garage or underneath the lowest-level interior stairwell.

LAST RESORTS

If you can't leave your upstairs apartment, shelter in an interior room without windows, such as a closet or bathroom. Protect your head! Consider keeping a bike helmet in your preparedness kit.



TORNADO WATCH VS WARNING

TORNADO WATCH: BE PREPARED

A Tornado Watch means tornadoes are possible. This is your notification to get prepared. Discuss your emergency plans and check your supplies.

Be ready to act quickly if the NWS issues a Warning or if you suspect a tornado is approaching.

Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties and even states, and typically lasts for several hours.

TORNADO WARNING: TAKE ACTION

A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. This is your notification to seek shelter immediately.

Warnings are much smaller than a Watch, typically encompassing the storm and the area it will be impacting. Warnings typically last about 30 to 60 minutes.

Have MULTIPLE Ways to Receive Warnings!

- ✓ Wireless Emergency Alerts
- ✓ NOAA Weather Radio
- ✓ Local TV and Radio
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Text and Email Messaging Services
- ✓ From Your Family and Friends



For more information, visit [weather.gov/safety/tornado](https://www.weather.gov/safety/tornado)

