



# TORNADO SAFETY

## MOBILE HOMES

**72%**

of all tornado fatalities occur in homes

**54%**

of all housing fatalities occur in a mobile home

### DO NOW

#### Identify A Safe Place:

Know your community shelters or talk with family & friends who live in a sturdy building about sheltering with them.

#### Know Alternate Routes:

Keep up to date on road closures that may impact your plans.

#### Timing:

How long will it take you to get to your shelter in the event of severe weather?

#### Be Weather-Ready:

Check the forecast regularly to know your risk of severe weather. Listen to local media or your NOAA Weather Radio for information about watches and warnings.

#### Have Notifications Turned ON:

Have multiple ways to receive warnings, including WEA, NOAA Weather Radio, local media, and trusted weather apps

### DAY BEFORE SEVERE WEATHER

#### Verify Your Shelter:

Check to make sure your community shelter will be open or check in with your family & friends who live in a sturdy building.

#### Help Your Neighbor:

Encourage those around you to also be prepared for severe weather. If you can, offer to help them get to a safe place.

#### Stay Weather-Ready:

Continue to check the forecast regularly to get the latest on severe weather.

#### Transportation:

Make sure your car has enough gas to get you to your shelter. If you don't have a car, contact family & friends who can help with transportation.

### DAY OF SEVERE WEATHER

#### Execute Your Plan:

If a Tornado Watch is issued for your area and storms are headed your way, it's time to head to your shelter. Take important documents with you and don't forget your pets.

#### Stay Informed:

Continue paying attention to the weather via local news or your NOAA Weather Radio for the latest on watches and warnings in your area.

#### Contact Loved Ones:

Let your family & friends know where you are.

#### Last Resort:

If a Tornado Warning is issued for your area before you are sheltered, it may be too late for you to get to your sturdier shelter. Leave your mobile home and lie low and flat on your stomach with your hands over your head in a ditch or low-lying area.



## 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)

