

# TORNADO SAFETY RULES

## If at home:

- If you have a tornado safe room or engineered shelter, go there immediately.
- Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.
- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Get away from windows.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you are in a mobile home, get out, find shelter elsewhere.

## If at work or school:

- Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. This is usually the interior most room, on the lowest floor away from windows.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
- Stay low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

## If outdoors:

- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building.
- If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter: Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.

## If in a car:

- If you encounter flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:
- Stay in your vehicle with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering your head with your hands and a blanket if possible.
- If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Your decision may vary depending upon your specific circumstances