

FREE PRINTABLE RESOURCE

TORNADO SHELTER FIELD CARD

Watch versus warning, where to shelter, and what to do in a vehicle.

WATCH OR WARNING

- ☐ **Watch: a tornado is possible**
Stay alert, be ready to shelter
- ☐ **Warning: sighted or on radar**
Take shelter immediately (CDC)
- ☐ **Signs: funnel, debris cloud, roar**
Dark or green sky, large hail (CDC)

AT HOME

- ☐ **Interior of a basement**
The safest place in the home (CDC)
- ☐ **No basement: interior, windowless room**
Lowest floor: hallway, bathroom, closet (CDC)
- ☐ **Avoid rooms with heavy objects above**
CDC
- ☐ **Get under something sturdy, cover your head**
CDC
- ☐ **Stay away from windows**
CDC

IN A VEHICLE

- ☐ **Do not try to outrun a tornado**
CDC
- ☐ **Drive to the closest shelter**
NWS and CDC
- ☐ **No shelter: get down, cover head and neck**
Or leave for a low area like a ditch
- ☐ **Avoid overpasses and bridges**
CDC

GET READY NOW

- ☐ **Weather radio with battery backup, tone alert**
CDC
- ☐ **Phone alerts on; know your local sirens**
CDC
- ☐ **Pick your safe room; run a family drill**
NWS and CDC
- ☐ **Kit for at least 3 days, home and vehicle**
CDC

Not safe: mobile homes (even with tie-downs), sheds, storage buildings and tents. Identify a sturdy building you can reach quickly.

Want the reasoning behind each line? Read the full guide on the TacticalBox blog.
tacticalbox.com/blogs/tacticalbox-blog

Sources: CDC, Safety Guidelines: During a Tornado; CDC, Preparing for a Tornado; National Weather Service, Tornado Safety pages. Follow your local NWS office and emergency officials. Informational only.