

# Tornado Safety Tips



## Understand the difference:

**Tornado Watch:** conditions that are favourable for a tornado to develop in the area. Keep alert and watch for changing weather conditions, and listen to local news and weather updates.

**Tornado Warning:** a tornado has been sighted in the area, or has been picked up on radar. Seek shelter immediately.

### Before

- Have an emergency preparedness plan & kit ready that will be able to support you and your family to last at least 72 hours.
  - Have a plan.
  - Practise the drills.

### During

If you are...

#### **Inside**

- Go to the lowest level of the building (cellar, basement etc.).
- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway, or smaller room with no windows (bathroom, closet).
  - Stay away from windows, outside walls, or doors.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture and hold on (heavy table, desk).
  - If in a mobile home – get out and find shelter elsewhere!

#### **At School / Work**

- Go to a basement or hallways at the lowest level.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs (cafeterias, shopping malls etc.).
  - Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

#### **Outdoors**

- If possible, get inside a building.
- Lie in a ditch or a low area or crouch near a strong building.
- If livestock is at risk and your personal safety is not an issue, open the gates and leave the area.

#### **In a vehicle**

- Leave the vehicle immediately, never try to drive!
- Find shelter away from the vehicle (see above).

### After

- Find out the latest information – continue to take precautions & listen to local authorities for further information and instructions.
  - Stay away from damaged areas and fallen power lines.
  - If injured, or someone you know is hurt, contact help immediately.