

## **TORNADOES**

Tornadoes are violent storms that can strike anywhere, at any time and with little warning. Stay alert to these danger signs:

Severe thunderstorms with strong, gusty winds

A dark, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from the sky to the ground

A roaring sound

Know the difference between a **watch** and a **warning**. A tornado **WATCH** means conditions are favorable for a tornado. A tornado **WARNING** means a tornado has been sighted or detected by weather radar: **Take shelter immediately!**

### **In the event of a Tornado Warning, protect yourself and your family:**

If you are at home, go to your basement or a central room on the lower level. Stay away from windows.

If you are in a public building, go to the designated shelter area or a central room on the lower level. Stay away from windows.

If you are driving, stop your vehicle, get out and go to a storm shelter or lowest level in a nearby building.

If you are in a trailer or mobile home get out and go to a storm shelter or lowest level in a nearby building. Mobile homes even if tied down offer little protection from tornadoes.

If you are outside lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.

Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.

Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

For power outages or downed wires, call your utility company.