



Response To Tornado Warning

Step 1 Tornado Watch or Severe Weather Alert	Step 2 Warning Issued	Step 3 Seek Shelter	Step 4 Monitor Situation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ The National Weather Service will notify the University Police and other law enforcement agencies via teletype if a TORNADO WATCH is in effect. This condition means that weather conditions are favorable for the formation of a tornado, but that no tornado has actually been sighted.❖ Monitor the local media for weather updates and be alert to changing weather conditions. Be prepared to take action if the weather situation is upgraded to a TORNADO WARNING.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ In the event of a TORNADO WARNING, the National Weather Service will alert local agencies that a tornado has been sighted. Information will be transmitted over local radio and TV stations. A variety of notification methods will be used to direct all people on campus to seek shelter.❖ Those university buildings that are equipped with voice public address systems will use them to notify occupants of any imminent danger, and give directions on what to do. In addition, Milwaukee County Emergency Government will sound their warning sirens. The "Tornado Warning" signal is a steady blast three minutes or longer in duration. There is no "All Clear" siren.❖ Exterior doors should not be opened and all occupants should immediately proceed to shelter areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Seek shelter immediately. Move to the lowest level of the building away from windows or glass. An interior hallway, stairwell or other room on the lowest floor or in the basement is best. The attached table provides recommended shelter areas for each UWM building.❖ Avoid areas with a large expanse of glass or windows.❖ If disabled personnel cannot safely move to the lowest level of the building, assist to an interior hallway away from windows and areas with large expanse of glass.❖ Do not attempt to flee the tornado by foot or automobile. Twisters can move much faster than you can. Do not seek shelter in or under your car.❖ Do not use elevators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Monitor the local media for further information and guidance.❖ Remain in the shelter area until the "all clear" is given by University Police or other emergency personnel.❖ Do not evacuate the building unless instructed to do so by University Police or other emergency personnel. If instructed to evacuate the building, exit quickly and calmly by way of the nearest exit to a safe distance from the building. Keep clear of emergency vehicles. Leave sidewalks and roadways free for emergency responders. Stay with the group from your area or with your class.❖ Call the University Police (9-911 from any hard-wired campus phone or 229-9911 from a cellphone) or send a runner to the Campus Police Station (Sandburg W140) to notify them of any needed assistance and emergencies that may exist.❖ Once you have left the building, do not reenter until the building has been declared safe by trained emergency personnel.