



## In Case of a Tornado

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Weather alert radios are monitored continuously. Should a tornado or other severe weather WARNING be issued, an announcement will be made by radio or tv to advise residents of the situation. The City of Lowell will additionally put out a CODE RED message and information on Social Media. A tornado warning indicates that a tornado has been spotted in your area either visually or on radar.

In the event of a weather emergency, remain calm and move to a place of safety.

### If you are in a structure

- Go to a predesignated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or the lowest building level.
- If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls.
- Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- Do not open windows.

### If you are in a vehicle or mobile home

- Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

### If outside with no shelter

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