

SEVERE WEATHER

Have an emergency plan in place to avoid injury, death and property damage. This emergency action plan should be in effect prior to the emergency. Designate employees to watch and give warnings to other employees as conditions may warrant. Instruct each employee about the location of the nearest shelter or safest area to go to.

When outside during a thunderstorm, avoid getting too close to scaffoldings, towers, power and communication lines, crane booms, metal fences, railroad tracks, trees, water, boats, antennas, and high ground.

When inside, keep away from windows, fireplaces, antennas, electrical appliances, exterior doors, telephones, and plumbing fixtures.

The following definitions apply from the National Weather Service:

Severe thunderstorm- possibility of frequent lightning and damaging winds (58 mph or greater along with a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch hail).

Severe weather watch- possibility of tornadoes or severe thunderstorms.

Tornado watch- weather conditions are such that tornadoes are likely to develop.

Tornado warning- A tornado has visually been sighted, or is indicated on radar.

In case of high winds, stay away from freestanding walls and secure all materials, which are capable of being carried away. If lightning strikes, a victim can often survive with prompt first aid. Even though their heart and breathing has stopped, a victim can be resuscitated through the proper delivery of CPR.

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