

# TORNADO SIGNS

Act immediately when a WARNING is issued

Dark, often greenish skies

Tornadoes can occur at night

Severe thunderstorms can spawn tornadoes

Other winds – down-bursts and straight-line winds can also cause damages and injury.

Hail is a very good indicator of severe weather – the larger the hail – the greater severity.

Roaring sound like a freight train.

# TORNADO PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Keep informed. Tune in to local television or radio; monitor a NOAA weather receiver.

Be prepared to take shelter immediately - SECONDS COUNT!

Seek shelter in a basement area.

Stay away from glass as possible.

Seek protection under heavy furniture.

\* Use pillows, cushions, blankets, etc. as buffers.

# TORNADO PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Stay away from:

- Large span rooms
- Mobile homes
- Vehicles
- Bridges and underpasses

In public and multi-story buildings – go to the lowest floor possible.

Seek an interior room away from glass.

Public restrooms are generally more sturdy.

# TORNADO PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Do not use an elevator UNLESS it is necessary to move people who are special need.

If caught outside – lie flat, face down in a depression; cover your head; be alert to flood conditions.

If in a vehicle – do not try and outrun a tornado in an urban or congested area – seek a nearby building or find a nearby depression and lay down