

MOBILE HOMES are particularly vulnerable to overturning and destruction, and should be abandoned in favor of a pre-selected shelter area.

BUILDINGS WITH WIDE FREE-SPAN ROOFS should have a pre-selected marked shelter area in their basements or a designated smaller room nearby. **Do not remain in areas with wide, free-span roofs.**

FACTORIES, AUDITORIUMS AND OTHER LARGE BUILDINGS with wide free-span roofs should have a pre-selected marked shelter area in their basements or a designated smaller room nearby. **Do not remain in areas with wide, free-span roofs.**

IN HOMES WITHOUT BASEMENTS, take cover in the smallest room with sturdy walls, or under heavy furniture, such as a tipped-over upholstered couch or chair in the center of the house. The first floor is safer than the second or third. **STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS WHEN THE STORM STRIKES!**

IN HOMES WITH BASEMENTS, seek refuge near the basement wall in the most sheltered and deepest below ground part of the basement. Additional protection is afforded by taking cover under heavy furniture or a work bench. Other basement possibilities are the smallest room with sturdy walls, or under a stairway.

IN OFFICE BUILDINGS, the basement or an interior hallway on the lowest floor is the safest. Upper stories are unsafe. If there is no time to descend, a closet or small room with sturdy walls, or an inside hallway will give some protection against flying debris. Otherwise, take cover under some heavy furniture.

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ATTEMPT TO OUTRUN THE STORM. If inside shelter is not available, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.

DO NOT GO OUTDOORS, or in an automobile, seek inside shelter. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OUTRUN THE STORM.** If inside shelter is not available, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.



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RECOMMENDED TORNADO SAFETY RULES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY FIRE OR RESCUE..... 911
Fire Administration.....847-249-5410

POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY Calls Only 911
Police, non-emergency.....847-360-9000

CITY OF WAUKEGAN.....847-599-2500

Website- www.waukeganweb.net

WARNING SIRENS

The City of Waukegan has large rotating outdoor warning sirens, erected at various locations throughout the City to alert residents in the event of an emergency.

WARNING SIREN TESTS

Sirens are tested the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

TORNADO WATCH

A Tornado Watch means the weather conditions are ideal for a tornado to develop. **No siren warning** will be sounded, so tune to your radio or television for the latest in weather information. Be prepared to take shelter. Locally, WKRS AM 1220 and WXLC FM 102.3 provides emergency weather information.

TORNADO WARNING

A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted in the general area. The warning sirens will be sounded and you should **SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.** Do not ignore the warning sirens.

ALL CLEAR SIGNAL

When the National Weather Bureau declares an all clear, it will be announced over the radio and television. **No signal will be sounded.** It is very important that you have a battery powered radio and flashlight in case of a power failure.

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