



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

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HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR A TORNADO

Statewide Tornado Drill is 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 25

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security has issued the following information about tornadoes – a primary spring weather hazard in Central Ohio – to help keep you and your family safe.

Know the threat and have a plan:

- Knowing that Central Ohio is prone to tornadoes is the first step to being prepared for one.
- Since tornadoes can strike with little or no warning, you should be prepared before one approaches so that you can react quickly.

Some steps to prepare for a tornado:

- Plan what you will do if a tornado watch or warning is issued.
- Purchase a weather radio.
- Designate a tornado shelter area in your home.
- If you live in a mobile home or other unsafe structure, designate a tornado shelter and a route to it.
- Once the plan is designed, practice it, incorporating the steps below.

If a tornado warning is issued for your location:

- Go at once to the basement, storm cellar or lowest level of the building.
- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet. Get away from the windows and to the center of the room.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench, heavy table or desk, and hold on to it. Use arms to protect head and neck.
- If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

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