

DAC Facts

Dayton Area Chapter

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The Twists and Turns of Tornado Season!



Tornados sometimes strike with little to no warning. So, now is the time to make a plan in case a Tornado Watch/Warning happens near your home, school or place of business.

If a tornado watch has been issued in your area, keep the TV or radio on for updates. Knowing what is happening outside can also let you know if a tornado is headed your way. People who have been through a tornado describe a sickly greenish or greenish-black color to the sky. Clouds move by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging towards one area of the sky. A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after a thunderstorm may indicate a tornado is approaching. The sound of a tornado has been described as sounding like a jet plane or a railroad train.

If your local TV or radio announces a tornado is approaching, you are encouraged to **DUCK**:

D — Go **DOWN** to the lowest level of your home/school/business

U — get **UNDER** something

C — **COVER** your head

K — **KEEP** in shelter until the storm has passed

If you are in a place with no basement or cellar, go to a small, windowless interior room such as a bathroom or closet.

And remember to have a Tornado Emergency Kit ready. It should include a first-aid kit, extra supply of essential medications, battery powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, canned and other non-perishable food, hand operated can opener, bottled water, sturdy shoes and work gloves.