Tornados

INDOOR SAFETY PROCEDURES
1. Move quickly to the tornado shelters listed on posters in university buildings.
2. Do not use elevators.
3. Stay away from windows.
4. Remain in the tornado shelter until the sirens have stopped.
5. If a tornado strikes, help avoid telephone overloads. Do not use telephones (including cell phones) except for emergencies.

OUTDOOR SAFETY PROCEDURES
1. Seek indoor shelter if possible.
2. Parked motor vehicles are unsafe. Seek indoor shelter.
3. If an indoor shelter is not available and there is not time for escape, lie flat in a ditch or low spot.
4. If you are on flat ground and are caught in the path of a tornado, always move at right angles to its path.

INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
Prior planning and practice of evacuation routes to tornado shelters listed on posters in university buildings is important particularly for individuals with mobility impairments or physical disabilities.

Supervisory personnel and course instructors are responsible for identifying and escorting individuals with mobility impairments or physical disabilities to safety in a tornado shelter in the event of a tornado warning.

The elevators may be used to transport individuals with mobility impairments or physical disabilities and their escorts to tornado shelters. Visually impaired and hearing-impaired individuals may be escorted down the stairs to tornado shelters but may require assistance moving in crowded staircases and finding the tornado shelter.

In the event of a power failure, individuals who are unable to use the stairs and their escorts should move to an interior location without windows and call the University operator at (402) 472-7211 who will notify the appropriate emergency personnel with the location.