

ARE YOU RED STICK READY

for Tornadoes?

Tornadoes can appear suddenly, without warning, and can occur in any season, and at any time. Take action now to ensure that you are

Red Stick Ready for the risks associated with tornadoes!

BEFORE A TORNADO:

- Be alert to changing weather conditions and signs of approaching storms!
- Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud; an approaching cloud of debris; or a loud roar-similar to a freight train.
- Create a family emergency communication plan to include important phone numbers.
- Build a disaster supply kit to include but not limited to a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid kit, medications, and your important documents.
- Ensure your weather radio is functioning and has batteries.
- Identify potential safe places in your home, work, and regular places you visit.
 - Safe places include: basements, windowless interior rooms, closets, inner hallways, bathtubs, or under a sturdy piece of furniture.

DURING A TORNADO:

- Take shelter in a safe place with a strong foundation. Stay away from corners, windows, doors and avoid taking shelter in cars and mobile homes.
- If no shelter is available, lie in a ditch or low-lying area and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- Listen to local officials for updates and instructions.
- Use the BuddySystem™ to check on your neighbors, friends, and family.
- Stay informed with real time information by:
 - Monitoring your local weather radio and TV stations.
 - Follow Red Stick Ready on Facebook and Twitter.
 - Download the free Red Stick Ready app on your smartphone.

AFTER A TORNADO:

- Listen to your local authorities for all clear signs and updated information.
- Check-in with family and friends.
- If you are trapped – cover your mouth to avoid breathing dust. Try to make noise so that rescuers can locate you - tap on a pipe or wall.
- Watch out for debris and downed power lines.
- Document damages and notify your insurance provider.
- Be cautious while cleaning up debris and wear protective gear.

For more information contact MOHSEP at (225) 389-2100, follow us @RedStickReady on Facebook and Twitter, and download the Red Stick Ready mobile application - free on Apple and Android devices by searching "Red Stick Ready".

