

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Tornadoes

In the event the National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING for Clark County, Rave will send a message using text, email and push notification to the Tiger Safe App. When a tornado is coming, you may have only moments to make a life or death decision. Advance planning is the key to surviving a tornado. All members of the Wittenberg Community are strongly encouraged to identify the best take-cover location for their own residences and the buildings they work in.

Tornado watch - means the atmospheric conditions are right for a tornado to develop. You should stay near the radio or TV to listen for more information about the situation.

Tornado warning - means that a tornado has been spotted or that [Doppler radar](#) indicates a thunderstorm circulation which can spawn a tornado. When a tornado warning is issued for your town or county, take immediate safety precautions seek shelter immediately! Most injuries associated with high winds are from flying debris, so remember to protect your head.

If you are in:	Then:
A structure (e.g. campus building)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. • In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible. • Put on sturdy shoes. • Do not open windows.
A manufactured home or office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get out immediately and go to a pre-identified location such as the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

<p>The outside with no shelter</p>	<p>If you are not in a sturdy building, there is no single research-based recommendation for what last-resort action to take because many factors can affect your decision. Possible actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park. • Take cover in a stationary vehicle. Put the seat belt on and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible. • Lie in an area noticeably lower than the level of the roadway and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible. <p>In all situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location. • Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. • Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.
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Tornado Shelter Locations inside of Campus Buildings:

Residence Halls:

- **Ferncliff** – First floor hallway with doors closed (away from lounge windows)
- **Firestine** – First floor hallway with doors closed and campus radio station area and offices.
- **Keller Place Apartments** – Bathrooms in all apartments
- **Myers** – Basement laundry room and room 111 and the interior adjacent
- **New Hall** – First floor bathrooms
- **Polis** – Laundry room
- **Sprecher Place Apartments** – Bathrooms in all apartments
- **Tower** – Basement hallway by elevator
- **Woodlawn Hall** – First floor hallway between student rooms with hallway doors shut

Administrative and Academic buildings:

- **Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center** – Basement hallway in old building
- **Bayley Alumni House** – Basement interior storage rooms (copier room)
- **Bayley-Diehl House** – Basement away from windows

- **Benham-Prince Student Center** – Basement hallway by mechanical rooms
- **Benjamin Prince House** – Basement
- **Blair Hall** – Basement hallway with all doors shut
- **Carnegie Hall** – Basement hallway north and south sides not in front of main entrance
- **Hagen Center** - Basement
- **Chakeres Memorial Theatre** – Truck storage room and hallway near elevators
- **Edwards-Maurer field** – HPE practice football field
- **Health, Physical Education and Recreation Center** – Hallway near pool
- **Hollenbeck Hall** – Basement storage area
- **Koch Hall** – Basement hallway
- **Krieg Hall** – Basement hallways
- **Matthies Honors House** – Basement away from windows
- **Faculty Court Apartments** – Basement
- **Peace Center** –SW corner of basement
- **Facilities building** – Basement south east corner
- **Recitation Hall** – Basement with all doors shut
- **Dietrich House** – Basement away from windows
- **Shouvlin Center**- Basement
- **Synod Hall** – Basement hallway near restrooms
- **Thomas Library** – Basement computer area
- **Weaver Chapel** – Basement near stairway
- **Weaver Observatory** – Basement away from all windows (ammunal storage room)
- **William A. McClain Center for Diversity** – Basement away from windows
- **Zimmerman Hall** – Basement hallway near lab/restroom area

Thunderstorms and Lightning

All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. While lightning fatalities have decreased over the past 30 years, lightning continues to be one of the top three storm-related killers in the United States.

If thunderstorm and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:

- Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging. Cordless and wireless phones not connected to wall outlets are OK to use.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.

- Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.
- Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- Avoid hilltops, open fields, the beach or a boat on the water.
- Take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- Avoid contact with anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

Flooding

Flooding may include storm water building infiltration, sewer backups, ground water, or plumbing sources. In all flooding situations, be aware of electrical equipment, appliances, cords, power strips, outlets, light/appliance switches, and other electrically items.

- Initiating department calls Police at 937-327-6363
- Police notifies the Facilities Department

Do not touch or go near electrical objects in contact with water. If electrical circuits or items appear to be getting wet, leave the area immediately if safe. Try to identify the source of water and turn it off if this can be done safely. Evacuate personnel to higher ground as needed, and attempt to protect property and records by removing items from floors or covering with water resistant coverings. If the flooding is caused by torrential rain attempt to close doors and windows to prevent water from entering. Do not drive through flood water.