

TERMS USED DURING A TORNADO

• TORNADO WATCH:

Tornadoes are possible. Watch the sky and stay tuned to a NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information. Watch for alerts on your smartphone and check social media for information from trusted sources.

• TORNADO WARNING:

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately. A warning can cover parts of counties or several counties in the path of danger.



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TORNADO SAFETY



TORNADO DANGER SIGNS

- A change in the color of the sky.
- Wall cloud - an isolated lowering of the base of the thunderstorm.
- Swirling debris on the ground or debris rising in the air.
- A funnel-shaped cloud extending from a thunderstorm.
- A loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Not all tornadoes may be visible at first, and they could occur at any time of day or night. Planning and practicing how and where you take shelter could save your life.

Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes a year. Peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August, but they could occur any time of year.



WHAT TO DO BEFORE

- Be weather aware. Check your local forecast regularly and have multiple ways to receive weather alerts.
- Know your safe spot. Choose a room in your home on the lowest level with no windows. If in a mobile home, identify a safe building you can get to quickly.
- Practice your plan.
- Secure loose objects outdoors.

DURING:

- Take shelter immediately.
- Remain in your safe spot until the storm has passed.

AFTER:

- If you are trapped, attract attention to yourself. Send a text, bang on a wall or pipe, or use a whistle.
- Check for injuries.
- Stay out of damaged buildings.
- Check utilities for damage.
- Be safe during cleanup. Wear appropriate gear.
- Call your insurance company to file a claim.
- Check in with neighbors.