

This pamphlet will help to prepare you for a tornado before the situation occurs. The information includes tornado danger signs, what types of shelter are safe, what to do in a tornado situation, and how to report a tornado.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Emergency Management Department at (989) 774-7398 or go to www.cmich.edu/cmuem.

Tornado Safety



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Central Michigan University Tornado Safety Procedures

Watch vs. Warning:

A Tornado **Watch** means the conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop, whereas, a Tornado **Warning** means a tornado has been spotted.

Tornado Danger Signs:

- Severe thunderstorms
- Hail
- Roaring noise
- Funnel clouds

Listen For:

- Announcements regarding the situation on a local radio station and listen for sirens issued from the radio towers and other campus locations. Note: Sirens cannot be heard inside of buildings.

Seeking Proper Shelter:

- View your building's tornado shelters at the Environmental Health & Safety web site on Centrallink.
- Seek shelter in basements, lower level floors or steel-framed or reinforced concrete buildings.
- If underground shelter is unavailable, seek shelter underneath heavy furniture (workbench, table, desk, etc.) away from exterior walls.
- If you are unable to escape, locate the nearest depression and lie flat in it (ditch or ravine). Cover your head and neck with your arms.



What You Should Avoid:

- Wide expanse ceilings
- Areas containing windows, display cases or other glass
- Large, open areas
- Areas with large amounts of debris

Supplies to Carry

During a Tornado:

- Flashlight
- Radio
- Cell Phone

CMU is a StormReady Campus:

StormReady helps develop communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property.



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To Report a Tornado: Call 911

