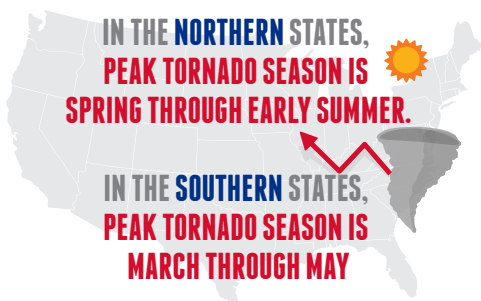


# FACTS AND TIPS ABOUT TORNADOES



EVERY YEAR AN AVERAGE OF  
**1,200** TORNADOES  
**KILL UP TO 60** PEOPLE,  
**INJURE 1,500**  
AND CAUSE AT LEAST  
**\$400M** IN ECONOMIC  
DAMAGE IN THE US



MOST TORNADOES OCCUR BETWEEN  
**3 PM AND 9 PM**  
BUT IN GENERAL TORNADOES  
CAN OCCUR **AT ANY TIME.**



BECAUSE OF THE VARIABILITY AND SEVERITY  
OF DAMAGE THAT TORNADOES CAN CAUSE,  
**IT'S BEST TO ALWAYS BE PREPARED.**

## 5 TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS FROM TORNADOES:



### 1. PREPARE A PLAN OF ACTION IN ADVANCE

- IDENTIFY A SAFE ROOM LOCATION EQUIPPED WITH A BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT
- ENSURE THAT EMPLOYEES KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY BY PRACTICING PERIODIC TORNADO DRILLS.

### 2. ALWAYS HAVE A BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN IN PLACE

- MAINTAINING BUSINESS CONTINUITY IN THE FACE OF NATURAL DISASTER IS ESSENTIAL. A TYPICAL BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN SHOULD ADDRESS WHERE EMPLOYEES SHOULD PLAN TO WORK, HOW THEY WILL COMMUNICATE, HOW THE BUSINESS WILL CONTINUE OPERATING OR BE MAINTAINED, AND HOW OPERATIONS WILL RESUME.
- ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS COMPLETE AND IS REVISED/UPDATED AT LEAST YEARLY BUT IDEALLY AFTER EVERY DRILL



### 3. TAKE PREVENTATIVE STEPS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE

- CONSISTENTLY BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AND REMOVE DISEASED AND DAMAGED TREE LIMBS
- CONSIDER REINFORCING YOUR SAFE ROOM

### 4. STAY ALERT WHEN THE WEATHER IS THREATENING

- HAVE A TONE ALERT WEATHER RADIO
- LISTEN TO NOAA WEATHER RADIO OR COMMERCIAL NEWSCASTS FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION



### 5. RESPOND QUICKLY BUT CALMLY

- WHEN A TORNADO APPROACHES, DO NOT PANIC. TRY TO REMAIN CALM AND TAKE YOUR PRE-DETERMINED PLAN OF ACTION. NEVER TRY TO OUTRUN A TORNADO, REMAIN IN YOUR SAFE ROOM UNTIL THE STORM HAS PASSED.

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