

PREPARE A FAMILY TORNADO PLAN

- Discuss your family's plan with your children ... make sure everyone knows where to go in the event of a tornado. Conduct periodic tornado drills.
- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warnings. Know where to get weather information and the meaning of watches and warnings.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit for emergencies. Include a first aid kit, battery powered radio and flashlight with extra batteries, canned food and can opener, and bottled water.
- Pick two places to meet after a disaster: a spot outside your home and a place away from your neighborhood (in case you cannot return home). Choose an out-of-state friend to be your "family check-in contact" in case the family gets separated.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TORNADOES

1. Most tornadoes in Northeast Colorado occur during May, June and July. Approximately 83% of all tornadoes in Colorado occur during these three months. Forty percent occur between mid-May and mid-June.
2. Most tornadoes occur during the late afternoon or evening hours.
3. Most Colorado tornadoes are relatively weak and have a short duration. Nevertheless, they can cause fatalities, serious injuries and extensive property damages.
4. The most deaths from a single tornado event in Colorado (10 fatalities) occurred on August 10, 1924 in Washington County.

5. Weld County has the most frequent occurrence of tornadoes in the state, with 229 reported tornadoes between 1950 and 2004.
6. In 1996, 98 tornadoes were reported in Colorado, the highest one-year total in state history. In 1999, 43 tornadoes were reported in the state.
7. The reported number of tornadoes in 11 Northeast Colorado counties between 1950 and 2004:

Elbert: 70	Cheyenne: 47
Kit Carson: 86	Lincoln: 78
Logan: 70	Morgan: 60
Phillips: 34	Sedgwick: 30
Washington: 116	
Weld: 229	Yuma: 71

NOAA Weather Radio

162.400 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz

For more information about tornadoes or other hazards, contact:

***Reminder:** Lightning kills more people in Colorado than tornadoes and flooding. In a lightning storm go inside a building, but stay off your phone. A metal-roofed vehicle with windows closed is also a suitable shelter.*

AFTER A TORNADO

- Beware of downed power lines.
- Do not tie up telephone lines, unless you have an emergency, then dial 911.
- Stay out of and away from damaged buildings.
- Do not attempt to move seriously injured people, unless further danger is imminent.
- Beware of possibly dangerous chemicals in storm debris.



AREA: 44 Square Miles
POPULATION: 89,938

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Tips for Tornado Safety

***Tornado:** A violently rotating column of air, capable of producing incredible damage. It is associated with a thunderstorm, which may also produce heavy rain and large hail.*

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