

*Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars & create deadly flying debris.*

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### *Tornado Watch*

A tornado is possible. Stay tuned to local media, know how you will get weather alerts & know where you will go for shelter indoors.

### *Tornado Warning*

A tornado is happening or is imminent. Take shelter indoors immediately.

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*If you are under a Tornado Warning, find safe shelter indoors*

- Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.
- If there is no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
- Watch for flying debris that can cause injury or death.
- Use your arms to protect your head & neck.
- Stay tuned to local media for updates & safety information.

## HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

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### MISSION

Provide effective coordination and collaboration to create a culture of preparedness that builds and sustains a disaster resistant and resilient community in Hamilton County.

### VALUES

Our values guide our decisions and actions through community, leadership, integrity, collaboration, professionalism, and innovation.

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# BE PREPARED FOR A TORNADO

HAMILTON COUNTY EMHSA



# HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A TORNADO THREATENS

## PREPARE NOW

**Know your area's tornado risk.**

**Sign up for Tornado Alerts** at [WWW.ALERTHC.ORG](http://WWW.ALERTHC.ORG).

**Know the signs of a tornado**, a rotating funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris, or a loud roar.

**Stay weather aware** when severe weather is predicted.

**Identify and practice going to a safe shelter indoors.** The next best protection during a tornado is a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.



## SURVIVE DURING

**Immediately go to a safe indoor shelter.**

**Take additional cover** by shielding your head & neck with your arms & materials such as furniture & blankets around you.

**Stay tuned** to local radio, local news & watch for alerts from Alert HC.

**If there is no indoor shelter nearby**, take cover in a vehicle and buckle up.

## BE SAFE AFTER

**Listen to authorities for information & instructions.**

**If you are trapped, cover your mouth** with a cloth to avoid breathing dust.

**Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.**

**Do not enter damaged buildings** until you are told that they are safe.

**Save phone calls for emergencies.** Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messaging or social media to communicate.

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## REGISTER FOR ALERT HAMILTON COUNTY

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1. Log on to [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org)
2. Register your address & contact information.
3. Select alerts you wish to receive
4. Select how you would like to receive alerts & notifications (text, email, cell phone, home phone, work phone).
5. Create your safe & secure Safety Profile

