

# Make Tornado Safety Part of Emergency Planning

Recent severe weather activity across parts of New Jersey emphasizes the importance of being prepared for a myriad of hazards and disasters, including damaging storms. In particular, tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip vehicles, and send deadly debris flying through the air. While the Midwest and Southeast face a greater risk of experiencing



tornadoes than other parts of the United States, they can occur anywhere and at any time, bringing intense winds potentially reaching more than 200 miles per hour. Planning for a tornado at home, work, and even while driving can help mitigate the impact of these dangers and ensure the safety of your family and friends. Key steps include paying attention to weather reports and official advisories for tornado warnings and watches; identifying a safe location, such as a basement or small indoor room on the lowest level of a building, to seek shelter; keeping a properly stocked [emergency kit](#) readily available; and including [pets](#) in all emergency preparations.

***Check out additional [tips](#) to stay safe before, during, and after a tornado***

## **Additional Resources**

[#IntelUnclass Podcast: Preparing for the Unknown: The Public and Private Perspective](#)

[New Jersey Office of Emergency Management: Tornadoes](#)

[FEMA: Be Prepared for a Tornado](#) | [National Weather Service: Tornado Safety](#)