

FEMA Building Science Releases New Safe Room Fact Sheets

The Building Science Branch is pleased to announce the release of a recently updated fact sheet, [*Residential Tornado Safe Room Doors*](#), and a new fact sheet, [*Community Tornado Safe Room Doors: Installation and Maintenance*](#).

Safe room door assemblies are one of the most important components of a safe room because they must provide the same level of protection as the walls and roof, yet also remain functional for quick access. FEMA has released additional guidance on safe room doors through the update of the *Residential Tornado Safe Room Doors* Fact Sheet and a new fact sheet, *Community Tornado Safe Room Doors: Installation and Maintenance*.

The updated *Residential Tornado Safe Room Doors* fact sheet provides information regarding selecting a safe room door assembly. The fact sheet has been updated to reflect the updates made to *ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters* (ICC® 500) from the first to second edition.

The new fact sheet, *Community Tornado Safe Room Doors: Installation and Maintenance*, provides information about the selection, installation, and maintenance of safe room door assemblies for community safe rooms. It is recommended that safe room door assemblies are regularly maintained to protect their functionality and maximize their life span. The fact sheet covers what should be checked and how often, as well as several solutions related to the maintenance of safe room door assemblies. While the fact sheet discusses community safe room door assemblies, some of the information in the fact sheet is pertinent to owners of residential safe rooms.

The updated **fact sheet**, *Residential Tornado Safe Room Doors* is available [here](#) on [FEMA's Safe Room Resources](#) webpage.

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