



Tornado Warning Drill



The National Weather Service invites you to participate in our annual

Wednesday, February 4th around 9:10 a.m. EST

February 1st – 7th is Georgia's **Severe Weather Awareness Week**. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you or your workplace have a way to receive a warning and will the response to the warning be effective? This annual drill gives everyone the opportunity to test their tornado emergency procedures. Here are the details...

- At approximately 9:10 AM EST on Wednesday, February 4th, the National Weather Service forecast offices serving Georgia will transmit a practice tornado warning using the Routine Weekly test.
- This warning will be transmitted through NOAA Weather Radio.
- The test warning will be issued for all 159 counties of Georgia.
- Some models of the NOAA Weather Radio will not tone an alarm for the Routine Weekly Test, participants are urged to monitor their radios between 9:00 am and 9:30 am in order to ensure receipt of the practice tornado warning.
- The practice tornado warning will expire at 9:30 AM EST.
- There will be NO test Watch issued prior to the Warning, and NO all-clear message issued after it.
- In the event of inclement weather in the state on February 4th, the drill will be conducted on Friday, February 6th at the same time (weather permitting).

Note, because NOAA Weather Radio transmitters overlap their broadcast coverage, some counties may receive multiple test alerts. Emergency Management officials are asked to help spread the word about this test. To ensure widespread awareness of this drill, we ask that you forward this notification to your local...

1. Public Information Officer(s).
2. School System/District.
3. Hospitals and nursing homes.
4. Local broadcast media.
5. Local cable companies.
6. Anyone who may retransmit EAS messages.
7. Anyone who, in your experience, needs to receive this information.

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TORNADO SAFETY RULES

If at home:

If you have a tornado [safe room](#) or engineered shelter, go there immediately. Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet. Get away from the windows. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it. Use arms to protect head and neck. If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows. Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it. Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

If possible, get inside a building.

If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car:

Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck. Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building. If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

