

# Getting Ready For A Tornado

A tornado is a column of air that rotates very fast. It touches the bottom of the clouds and the ground at the same time. Sometimes it rains or storms before a tornado. Other times the sky is clear before the tornado hits. Tornadoes can be up to a mile wide. They can have wind speeds over 200 miles per hour.

## Tornado Watch

A tornado may happen close to where you are. Get ready to help put your Family Preparedness plan into action!

Turn up the radio or TV.

Help get your safe place ready.

Clean out your safe room. Clear the hallway of toys or other things people might trip on.

Put a flashlight, radio, pillows, and blankets in your safe place.

Put on sturdy shoes.

Bring pets inside.

## Tornado Warning

A tornado is close to where you are. Put your Family Preparedness plan into action!

Listen to the adults near you and do what they say.

Go to your safe place.

Cover your head with your arms.

Crouch over to protect your stomach.

Unsafe places: cars, mobile homes, under a bridge.

Safer places: basement, underground shelter, ditch/low-lying area, or a closet, bathroom, or hallway near the middle of the first floor.

