
(facility name)

Emergency Procedure
TORNADO WARNING

The following procedure shall be utilized when a tornado “warning” has been issued.

A **warning** indicates that a tornado has been sighted in the immediate area as reported by the National Weather Service or through other reports (television, radio, community warning sirens, etc.).

This procedure shall work in tandem with the **Take Cover Procedure** during an emergency situation that requires the relocation of residents, staff, and visitors to a Safe Refuge.

- A. “CODE GREEN, a **tornado warning** has been issued for our area. Immediately implement the **Take Cover Procedure**. Repeating—a **tornado warning** has been issued for our area. Immediately implement the **Take Cover Procedure**.”
- B. The above message should be repeated again after five (5) minutes and then hourly until the **watch** has terminated.
- C. Administrator and Director of Nursing _____ (facility to fill in appropriate titles/positions) will be notified if not on the premises. The Recall Roster shall be activated if needed.
- D. Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) to manage the incident. The most qualified staff member (in regard to the Incident Command System) on duty at the time will assume the Incident Commander position.
- E. Upon hearing this announcement, all personnel shall refer to the **Take Cover Procedure** and follow it in its entirety to help ensure the safety of the residents, visitors, and themselves.
- F. Once the Tornado **warning** is over and the Incident Commander has determined the dangerous situation has passed, “**All Clear, Repeat, All Clear**” shall be paged to signal the **Take Cover** situation has ended.
- G. Upon issuance of the All Clear announcement, residents shall be taken back to their rooms.
- H. Account for all staff members and residents.