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Definitions

Tornado Watch - Issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms and multiple tornadoes to form in or around the area.

Tornado Warning - Issued by the National Weather Service when a tornado has been sighted or indicated in the warning area.

General Tips

- Immediately move to an interior hallway on a lower level in the middle of the building you are in.
- Stay away from all windows and glass doors.
- DO NOT use the elevators.
- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
- Close all window shades, blinds, or curtains.

Call SUSCC Police and 911 and tell dispatcher:

- Your location
- Type of injury or illness of victim
- Victim's status (conscious, breathing, or bleeding)
- Victim's age
- Stay on the line until released by the dispatcher
- DO NOT leave your location until advised or storm warning ends

In Your Vehicle

Immediately get out of your car and find the nearest, low-level room of a building or storm shelter. NEVER try to outrun a tornado, especially in a congested or urban area.

Outside

- Find shelter immediately.
- If no shelter is available, find the nearest low-level ditch and lie flat with your hands covering your head.
- DO NOT seek shelter under a bridge or overpass.
- Beware of flying debris and possible flooding.