

SEVERE WEATHER / TORNADO

DEFINITIONS OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Thunderstorm Watch - High winds, lightning, and hail are possible.
- Thunderstorm Warning - Large hail, lightning, and damaging winds are expected.
- Tornado Watch - Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible.
- Tornado Warning - A tornado has been detected. **TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!**
- High Winds Warning - Winds of at least 40 miles per hour are expected.

PROCEDURES FOR SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE

The Notre Dame College Police Department and Security Dispatch Center monitors severe weather alerts. Generally no protective action is required when a watch is issued. Any warnings received will be evaluated for risk to the campus community. If protective action is warranted, campus police will promptly issue emergency alerts with instructions via all of the emergency communications methods available.

See the General Emergency Procedures section for a list of alerting methods. The emergency siren, the campus mass notification system, and Twitter, hashtag #NDCEMERGENCY will be the primary means of communication used.

It is recommended that the various departments of Notre Dame College monitor NOAA weather alerts through the use of an NOAA weather radio that can receive real time weather alerts or through the use of software to include weather monitoring software, or smartphone apps.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED

1. Do not wait for instruction. Follow procedures and move to your designated tornado shelter area, or to the basement or ground floor center hallway of the building you are in if you are unable to reach your designated area. In the residence halls, go into your bathroom area and into a bathtub or shower area if you cannot get to your shelter area. Close room and office doors as you leave. If you have an emergency kit readily available take it with you.
2. Do not use elevators and stay away from windows and doors with glass panes.
3. Sit or crouch in an inner hall or room.
4. Do not leave the tornado safety area until given the all clear from emergency personnel or via updated alerts from the campus police.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

1. Dispatchers and police officers will monitor the situation and update the campus community as new information becomes available or additional safety actions are required.
2. Once the tornado threat has passed, officers will issue an all clear and messages will be sent to the community.

3. Any injuries to person(s) or damages to property from severe weather or a tornado should be reported to Notre Dame Police dispatch immediately. If you are trapped or injured after a storm, make as much noise as possible so rescuers can find you.

TORNADO SHELTER AREAS AT NOTRE DAME COLLEGE

Here are the tornado shelter locations for buildings on campus:

- Administration Building – Move into the east or west end of the ground floor hallway, or the Performing Arts Center (stay against the walls).
- Keller Center – Move into the Hallway next to Athletic Offices.
- Library – Move to the Basement Level (Library Archive Area).
- Providence Hall – Move to Basement Level Hallway or Basement Study Lounge (shelter in your bathroom if unable to leave room).
- Harks Hall – Move to the North Hall First Floor Hallway (shelter in your bathroom if unable to leave room).
- Connelly Center – Move into the Dining Area (center of the room).
- Peterson Hall – Move to the First Floor Hallway (shelter in your bathroom if unable to leave room).
- North Hall – Move to Basement Level Hallway (shelter in your bathroom if unable to leave room).
- South Hall – Move to the First Floor Hallway (shelter in your bathroom if unable to leave room).
- Regina Hall – Move to the Ground Floor Hallway, adjacent coaching offices.
- If you are outside, move to the designated tornado shelter area in the building nearest you.