

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS

Severe Weather Definitions:

Severe Thunderstorm: Winds more than 57 mph or hail 3/4" or more in diameter

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Severe thunderstorms are possible

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Severe thunderstorms have been sighted or indicated by radar

Funnel Cloud: A funnel shaped cloud extending from a thunderstorm base. It is associated with a rotating air column that is not in contact with the ground

Tornado: A violently rotating narrow column of air in contact with the ground and extending from a thunderstorm base.

Tornado Watch: Issued by the National Weather Service when weather conditions which *may produce tornadoes* are expected to develop

Tornado Warning: Issued by the National Weather Service when Doppler radar indicates tornado formation or a tornado has been sighted by a trained weather spotter

Most of you are aware of the precautions to be taken in the event of severe weather; most of which are common sense, but there are a few specifics that apply to campus.

1. The campus sirens are sounded only when a funnel has been sighted and observed moving toward our immediate area. Don't ignore it. No "all clear" signal is given so as to avoid confusion in the event of multiple funnels being observed. Listen to media reports and warning expiration times to determine, by your own safety needs, when to leave the shelter area.
2. Recommended emergency office equipment: flashlight, portable radio, spare batteries, and a first aid kit.
3. The greatest hazard is from flying glass, so go to designated emergency tornado shelter areas.

Please report damage or injury to your building supervisor, if possible, for relay to either the University Police or the Physical Plant. Multiple reports of the same event cause confusion.

The following numbers will normally be attended in an emergency:

1. University Police 628-5304, 628-4385
2. Physical Plant 628-4424, 628-4180, 628-4238
3. Campus Operator 0 or 628-FHSU (3478)

Please do not call to report a power outage. The campus is on one system, so if one building is out, they all are. Call only if a true emergency exists.