



ARE YOU STORM READY?

11 Things You Need To Know

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The meteorologists at KARE 11 News and MPR News want you to stay storm ready throughout the summer season. Tune in for severe-weather coverage on KARE 11 News and on MPR News, 91.1 in the Twin Cities.

- 1. Practice Situational Awareness:** Stay aware when severe weather is possible. Monitor the latest watches and warnings. Be ready if a warning is issued.
- 2. Plan Ahead:** Before severe weather hits, know where you will shelter during a tornado at home or at work. Below ground (basement) or an interior room are safest.
- 3. Know Your County:** At home, on the road or at the lake, know which county you're in. Warnings are issued by county.
- 4. Get a NOAA Weather Radio:** Keep it tuned and running with fresh batteries. A good weather radio will wake you with a tone alert when a warning is issued for your location.
- 5. Have Multiple Safety Nets:** Radio, TV, NOAA Weather Radio, smartphone apps, friends and neighbors can all be life-saving sources of severe weather information.
- 6. Know your sirens:** On the first Wednesday of the month, most areas sound sirens at 1 p.m. Note what they sound like where you live and work, and where your kids go to school. They are not designed to be heard indoors.
- 7. Take cover first:** Don't seek confirmation of a tornado before protecting yourself. Take cover first — then seek out additional information.

8. Consider wearing a tornado helmet:

The majority of tornado deaths are caused by head trauma from flying debris. Wearing a helmet in a tornado may save your life. Keep helmets in the basement where you can put them on quickly in a safe shelter.

9. Abandon mobile homes in tornadoes:

Know the nearest safe shelter if you live in a mobile home.

10. Know your watches and warnings:

A watch means severe weather is possible during the next few hours. A warning pinpoints a severe storm happening now.

11. Be smart in your car: People in cars are among those most at risk in a tornado. If you can get to a safe indoor shelter, quickly do so. If not, evidence suggests it may be safest to stay in your car and crouch down on the floor.

For more information, visit:

www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/



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