TORNADOES While it's impossible to predict

when or where a tornado will strike, you can be prepared. Plan your family's response to emergencies.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM: ** WATCH OR WARNING? **

A TORNADO WATCH is issued when conditions that favor the occurrence of tornadoes are likely in your area. If your area is under a Tornado Watch, you need to be ready to enact your Family Disaster Plan to protect your family.

A TORNADO WARNING is issued when a tornado has already occured, or when one is imminent in your area. When under a Tornado Warning, TAKE IMMEDIATE **ACTION** to protect yourself and your loved ones.

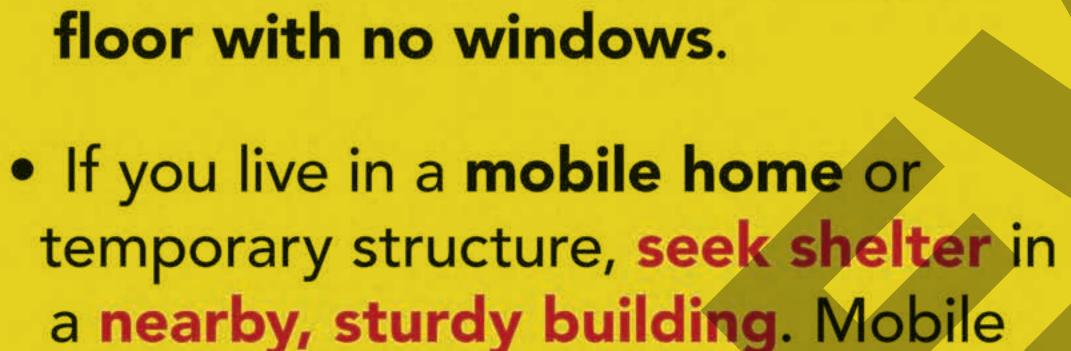


DEVELOP A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

When developing a Family Disaster Plan, consider the following:



 Pick a Safe Room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.



forces of tornadoes.



 Have access to tornado warning information. Consider the purchase of an NOAA weather radio with tone alert feature for updates on tornado watches and warnings.

homes are susceptible to high-wind



Practice Tornado Drills so everyone knows what to do. Hold the drills at different times, and correct any problems that prevent family members from quickly and safely getting to the Safe Room.



 Have a Family Emergency Supply Kit on hand in order to survive for at least 3 days on your own or until help arrives.

DURING THE STORM

- While under a Tornado Watch:
 - Listen to NOAA weather radio and local media for update information.
 - Stay alert for changes in weather conditions.
- While under a <u>Tornado Warning</u> and in your home:
 - Listen to NOAA weather radio or local media.
 - Have a battery powered radio in case the power goes out.
 - GO TO YOUR SAFE ROOM and protect yourself from glass and flying debris.
- While under a Tornado Warning in a vehicle, trailer or mobile home:
 - GET OUT AT ONCE AND SEEK SHELTER in a sturdy structure, on the lowest level, away from windows.

AFTER A TORNADO

Continue listening to media for updates and instructions.

Be alert for downed power lines or broken gas mains. Report damage as soon as possible.

Stay away from areas affected by the tornado. Let rescue personnel do their jobs unhindered.

Do not enter damaged buildings unless you're certain they are structurally secure.

Lend a hand to neighbors who need special assistance. Help injured or trapped people.

Apply first aid where necessary. Never attempt to move an injured person unless they are in additional danger.

If you evacuated, don't return to an affected area unless authorities say it's safe to do so.





Light Damage. Chimneys damaged, tree branches broken, shallow-rooted trees toppled.



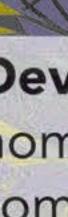
Moderate Damage. Roofing tiles peeled off, windows broken, some mobile home damage, utility buildings destroyed.



Considerable Damage. Roof structures damaged, mobile homes destroyed, debris becomes airborne, large trees snapped or uprooted.



Severe Damage. Roofs and walls torn from buildings, small buildings destroyed, most trees uprooted.



Devastating Damage. Well-built homes destroyed, buildings blown some distance, cars blown, large debris becomes airborne.



Incredible Damage. Strong-frame homes lifted from foundations, reinforced concrete structures damaged, car sized debris become airborne, trees completely debarked.

MINIMIZE THE RISK TO LIFE AND PROPERTY

BE PREPARED FOR TORNADOES