

CWRU EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Important Numbers! CWRU Police (216) 368-3333 Safe Ride and Escorts (216) 368 - 3000
EMERGENCIES dial x 3333 or 9-9-1-1 from campus phone

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.**
- Flash Flood Watch - Heavy rainfall over a short time period is expected.
- Flash Flood Warning - Dangerous situation in which rapid flooding of areas is imminent or already occurring.
- High Winds Warning - Winds of at least 40 miles per hour are expected.

PROCEDURES FOR SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE

The CWRU Police and Security Dispatch Center and the Campus Emergency Manager monitor 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, Police and Security will promptly issue emergency alerts with instructions via all of the emergency communications methods available. See *General Emergency Procedures* for a list of alerting methods.

It is recommended that all members of the campus community purchase a NOAA approved weather radio that can receive real time weather alerts. Other recommended methods for receiving alerts include; RSS feeds <http://www.weather.gov/alerts-beta/>, third party texting service or weather monitoring software.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED

1. Do not wait for instruction. Follow procedures and move to the basement or ground floor center hall of the building you are in, close 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 Police and Security Services.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

1. Dispatchers and police/security 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.

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

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