



TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY TORNADO SAFETY GUIDE



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WATCH VS WARNINGS

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

WATCH

A tornado watch is issued when there is a good possibility that a tornado will touch down. A tornado watch usually encompasses many counties and last several hours.

WARNING

A tornado warning is issued when severe weather is happening. When a tornado watch is issued, it's time to go to a safe place and put TSU's tornado response plan into action.

HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED?

Tornado Watch: A pre-recorded notification of a tornado watch will be sounded by TSU's outdoor warning systems on campus. TSU also has telephone procedures in place to warn those who are indoors. Those who are indoors and may hear the outdoor warning system are not encouraged to call the TSU Police Department, but to use television, radio or the internet to monitor the weather conditions for themselves.

Tornado Warning: The sirens will sound a steady tone for three minutes. Everyone should stop normal activities and seek shelter until the warning is over. The National Weather Service announces how long a warning will last and the news media will pass this information along. Please note that Davidson County also has an outdoor warning system in Hadley Park which covers part of our main campus

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO DURING A TORNADO WATCH?

During a tornado **watch**,

- Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations or a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio for further weather information. Radio Codes for Davidson County is 047037.
- Watch the weather and be prepared to take shelter immediately if conditions worsen. A **tornado warning** is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted or indicated by weather radar.
- **You should take shelter immediately.**

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO DURING A TORNADO WARNING?

Staff and students will be advised when a tornado warning is in effect and are encouraged to comply with these procedures.

- If you are outside when you hear the warning notification, seek inside shelter, preferably in a steel framed or concrete building.
- If you are inside when you hear the warning notification, go to the interior hallway or other enclosed area that is away from windows and on a lower floor of the building. Avoid going into auditoriums, gymnasiums, or other areas where roof collapse is likely. Take position for greatest safety by crouching on knees, head down with hands locked at back of neck.
- If there is sufficient time:
 - ◆ Evacuate room quickly, quietly and orderly and insofar as possible along the north side of the building to a safe area.
 - ◆ Check restrooms or nearby vacant rooms for students, staff, or visitors.
 - ◆ Take personal belongings only if they are at a desk and will provide extra protection (large books, notebooks, or coats may be held over head and shoulders).
 - ◆ Professors should take roll book and take attendance.
 - ◆ Once in a shelter, report missing students. (Directors and principal administrators should take a similar accounting of staff members.)
- Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations or a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio for further weather information.
- Watch the weather and be prepared to take shelter immediately if conditions worsen.

GENERAL GUIDELINE INFORMATION

- Each building on campus has been assigned a building coordinator and the safest room/ space has been identified in each facility. Click on the link below to identify the building coordinator for your facility. ([Building Coordinator Link](#))
- In either one story buildings or multi-storied buildings, restrooms are usually suitable for small groups, especially if the room is centrally located.
- Auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, or other large rooms are least suitable as shelters. Free-span roofs will usually be blown away from this type of room and the walls may collapse.
- Rooms with large glass areas should not be used for shelters

Building	Building Coordinator		Phone	
Ag IT Center	Bridgette Collins		ext. 1842	
APTS E	Claudine Greer		963-2002	
APTS F	Claudine Greer		963-2002	
APTS G	Claudine Greer		963-2002	
APTS H	Claudine Greer		963-2002	
AVON WILLIAMS CAM	Sharon Peters		ext. 7365	
BOILER HOUSE/Poultry Ops.	Nathaniel Adefope		ext. 7479	
BOSWELL PHYS/MATH	Sandra Scheick		ext. 5811	
BOYD RES CNTR	Abaymoi Atolagbe		ext. 7936	
BROWN-DANIEL LIBR	Dr. Yildiz Binkley		ext. 5212	
CARP BUILDING	Deborah Long		ext. 5776	
CHEMISTRY	Mohammad Karim		ext. 5344	
CLAY EDUCATION	Peter Millet		ext. 5446	
CLEMENT HALL	Rosemary Theriot		ext. 5924	
CROUCH GRAD BLDG	Gloria Johnson		ext. 2164	
DAVIS HUMANITIES	Dwayne Hurst	Warren Westcott	ext. 7695	ext. 5715
ELLIOTT HALL	Carlyle Johnson		ext. 5921	or ext. 1577
EPPSE RES CNTR	Victoria Jackson		ext. 7889	
FARM LAB FACILITY	Eddie Williams		ext. 7752	
FARREL-WESTBROOK	Sherry Patterson-Crudup	Carter Catlin, Jr.	ext. 5832	or ext. 5819
FLOYD-PAYNE CNTR	Keith Morgan	Stephen Treece	ext. 5663	ext. 7570
FORD APTS A	Eleanor Bass		341-2496	
FORD APTS B	Eleanor Bass		341-2496	
FORD APTS C	Eleanor Bass		341-2496	
FORD APTS D	Eleanor Bass		341-2496	
FORMER COMP.LAB/SIGNSHOP	Herman Hasting		456-6270	
GENERAL SERVICE	Mike McCallister		ext. 1345	
GENTRY ATHL PE	Wesley Diggs	Catina Starks	ext. 1874	ext. 2172
GOODWILL MANOR	Tim Jones		ext. 5610	
GOODWILL MANOR	Besty Jackson		ext. 7756	
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HALE RES CNTR	Carl Darnell		ext. 2002	
HALE STADIUM RMS	Kevin Jurenki		ext. 5919	
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HEALTH RESEARCH	Van Cain		320-3005	
HM LOVE LRC	Monetha Reaves		ext. 5563	
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INCUBATION CENTER	Keadra Babb		ext. 7184	
Jackson Ind Tech	Sandra Holt	Elizabeth Kunnu	ext. 5802	ext. 7430
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MAINTENANCE & OP.	George Hendricks		ext. 5700	
MCCORD ENGINEERIN	Belinda Krigel	Terrance Johnson	ext. 7777	ext. 5748
MCWHERTER ADMIN.	Bob Hughes	William Stuckey	ext. 1836	ext. 7592
OD BBall Fac	Joyce Maudie		ext. 1543	
OPERATIONS BLDG	Charla Beckley		ext. 5665	
Perf Arts Center	Robert Elliott		ext. 5347	
POULTRY HOUSE	Nathaniel Adefope		ext. 7469	
POULTRY OPERATION	Nathaniel Adefope		ext. 7469	
POWER PLANT	Kerry Frazier		ext. 5969	
Prac/Event Bldg	Joyce Maudie		ext. 1543	
PRESID RESIDENCE	Millicent Glenn		ext. 4001	
READ HALL				
Rsch / SP Bldg (RASP)	Jennifer Stewart-Wright		ext. 7631	
RUDOLPH RES CNTR	Catha Fuller		ext. 7903	
SB/TRK Fieldhouse	Joyce Maudie		ext. 1543	
STRANGE MUSIC BLD	Robert Elliott		ext. 5347	
TEMPLE TRACK	Kelly Carter		ext. 5890	
Tennis Fieldhouse	Gerald Robinson		ext. 5897	
TORRENCE ENGINEER	Lonnie Sharp		ext. 5399	
WALKG HORSE BARN	Eddie Williams		ext. 7752	
WAREHOUSE/CENT. RECG.	Cliff Ethridge		ext. 5196	
WASHINGTON HLTH	Elizabeth Frazier		ext. 5291	
WATSON	Julius Proctor		ext. 7879	
Wellness Center	Gerald Davis		ext. 2260	
WILSON RES	Patricia Mabry		ext. 7960	