Howe Hall – Severe Weather Information and Instructions

***In case of severe weather, DO NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING***

Proceed to storm shelters on lower level

Tornado Watch:
When the National Weather Service issues a tornado watch, it will be received on NOAA weather radios located in key facilities/offices in Howe Hall. Upon hearing the announcement of a tornado watch, the Howe Hall Weather Coordinator will be responsible for notifying all departments, staff, and faculty in their building. The notification will be an email and it will include the following information and instructions:

- Iowa State University is under a tornado watch.
- The time the watch expires.
- Normal routine will not be interrupted unless a tornado warning is issued.
- If the weather radio or outside sirens sound indicating a tornado warning for Story County, proceed immediately to the nearest designated severe weather shelter on the bottom level.

Tornado Warning:
When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning, tornado sirens inside the building will be activated. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted by the public, or that Doppler radar has indicated an area of rotation that could develop/has developed into a tornado. Take shelter immediately. All individuals on campus should proceed to the nearest designated severe weather shelter areas in the building. If sirens do go off, DO NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING.

Severe Weather Shelters:
All severe weather shelter areas in Howe Hall are located on the bottom level. There are signs posted on the bottom level indicating shelter areas. You should proceed to an interior hallway, or room without windows, on the bottom level of Howe Hall. DO NOT STAND IN THE ATRIUM.

Supervisory Personnel Will:
1. Direct occupants to proceed in a quick and orderly manner to the nearest designated shelter area in the building.
2. Instruct occupants not to leave the building.
3. Provide assistance to persons with disabilities.
4. Accompany occupants to the nearest designated shelter area in the building.

Occupants Will:
1. Proceed to the nearest designated shelter area in the building by quickest route.
2. Move quickly but in an orderly manner so that all may arrive safely.
3. Stay in the shelter area, and remain calm.

All Persons should remain in the shelter until the tornado warning is over. There is no “ALL CLEAR” signal given. This information will be provided by listening to radio, TV station, or calling the Department of Public Safety at 515-294-4428.