FORKER BUILDING SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

Iowa State University has issued weather radios to individuals in the various buildings throughout campus, to assist in alerting people quickly should severe weather or other hazards develop. The Forker Building’s radio is in the main office (235), and will sound an alert in the event of severe weather of all kinds (winter storms, high winds, tornadoes, flood, etc.). It also provides Amber Alerts.

The focus of this plan is to inform you of the location of the severe weather shelter areas within the Forker Building in the event of a tornado. First of all, if there is imminent danger of a tornado, do not leave the building. You should not try to go home, as you will be in the path of danger. Never try to out-run a tornado. Stay in the building, and away from windows and doors. We have identified places within Forker that should be the safest in the case of a tornado warning. They are:

- 1st floor hallway between Rms 164-3 and 187 (teaching lab).
- 1st floor hallway between Rms 196-2 and 196-3 (near back dance hallway stairs).
- 1st floor hallway across from Rm 138 (towel room).
- 1st floor hallway across from Rm 140 (Exercise Clinic Lab).
- 2nd floor faculty hallway (middle) between Rms 248 and 250.
- 2nd floor classroom hallway (middle) across from Rms 283 and 287.
- 2nd floor hallway across from dance studio 213.

In addition to having a safe place to go, we must quickly alert people of the danger. Should the radio go off with a “take cover” alert, we will first e-mail the Forker e-mail lists. We will then phone people on each floor, and ask that they alert all individuals up and down their hallways to take cover. (If we call you, please quickly alert others as you go to the safe areas.) If there are classes in session, they will also be alerted to the danger, and directed to safety. In the training session, the question arose as to “what if people refuse to leave”? If you are teaching a class, you must allow your students to go to a safe place. If you personally refuse to leave, we can’t force you, but we can/will strongly suggest that you take cover.

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