

# Severe Weather Notification Plan

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## SEVERE WEATHER DEFINITIONS

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch** – Conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning** – Storms with large hail, frequent lightning, and/or wind gusts of 58 mph or more have been reported or indicated on radar.

**Tornado Watch** – Conditions are favorable for a tornado to form in the watch area.

**Tornado Warning** – A tornado has been reported in the area; take shelter immediately.

## SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES

These steps will be followed to alert the building occupants:

- In the event of a **Tornado Warning**:
  - A staff member will turn on the building's severe weather alarm (located in RM235).
  - You might also be alerted to a Tornado Warning by outdoor sirens or a weather radio warning.
  - Once you hear either of these warnings, proceed to a severe weather shelter area.
  - Stay away from exterior doors, elevators, and windows.
  - Remain in shelter until danger passes, the warning time expires, and no other warning has been issued.

### Severe Weather Shelter Areas:

- EH&S has designated two areas on the first floor as Severe Weather Shelter areas.
  - North Wing Hallway (outside of the Dance Studio 196 and Gym 184)
  - Student Lounge and Study Area (south side of the building)



### Important notes:

- When severe weather is possible, staff should stay aware of surrounding weather conditions and listen for weather updates on local radio, TV or internet.
- Staff working outside should pay attention to weather conditions. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning and should move indoors.
- Emergency maps posted in buildings indicate the severe weather shelter locations. Building emergency maps are available on the [EH&S Building Information](#) webpage.
- Staff working in other buildings should familiarize themselves with the notification plan and shelter area within these buildings. Look for these signs designating severe weather shelters in campus buildings.
- Take shelter immediately when the tornado sirens are activated.