

MACKAY HALL SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) has initiated an effort for every university building and department to develop a severe weather notification plan and identify safe shelter areas so that in the event our campus is hit by a tornado, all building occupants can be safely evacuated to shelter. All emergency evacuation maps and severe weather shelter signs have been posted in the building. The maps illustrate fire evacuation routes and contain severe weather shelter information.

The following spaces are Severe Weather Shelters for MacKay Hall:

- Ground Floor Hallway – (Shelter areas posted near 30 and 9W)
- 1st Floor Hallway – The interior hallways are safe corridors with fire doors. (Exception – hallway outside 117 MacKay and 131/133 MacKay because of the large windows and entrances to the south.

Tornado Procedures

Tornado Watch

When the National Weather Service issues a tornado watch, the information is transmitted through television, and radio.

The notification will include the following information/instructions:

- University is under a tornado watch
- Time tornado watch expires
- Normal routine will **not** be interrupted unless a tornado warning is issued

Tornado Warning

When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning, the weather radio and/or the tornado sirens will be activated. Faculty members and supervisory personnel will:

- Evacuate classrooms and accompany students to the nearest designated shelter.
- Direct all occupants in the building to proceed in a quick and orderly manner to the nearest designated shelter.
- Provide assistance to persons with disabilities.
- Instruct occupants not to leave the building until the warning is over. (This information will be provided by listening to a radio or television station, or by contacting the Department of Public Safety 294-4428).

Tornadoes can form and move quickly; therefore, there may not be adequate time to issue a warning. In that case, please accept appropriate responsibility for informing others of emergency evacuation routes and proceed immediately to the nearest designated tornado shelter in MacKay Hall.

The CHS Safety Committee encourages you to choose a television station <http://www.iastate.edu/weather> to put on your computer in order to receive weather alerts. As an extra safety precaution, students and employees should sign up for ISU Alert System, by logging in to AccessPlus. Under A+Home tab, click the ISU Alert link. You may indicate your preferred method of notification.