Iowa State University has issued all-hazard radios to individuals in the various buildings throughout the University, to assist in alerting people quickly should severe weather or other hazards develop. The radio is in 102G Snedecor, 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 safe places within Snedecor Hall 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, on first floor, and away from windows and doors. Areas within Snedecor that should be safe in case of a tornado warning are:

- Outside 112 Snedecor, but only between the exit door and the front hallway.
- The south hallway, from the reading room to the door entering the east/west part of the building.
- The reading room, including the vault.
- The hallway just outside the main office, from the water fountain to where it reaches the front hallway.
- The copy room (not the best place, since it is close to a glass outside door).
- One last alternative would be the main office, but only the “hallway” area from the mail sorting station to Dr. Isaacson’s door.

All of these areas are on the first floor of the building, and they are away from glass windows, which can be broken with the changing pressure of a tornado. Though this building has a basement, it is kept locked, so it is not considered to be a good place for that reason. (We can go there, but will have to unlock the door.)

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, the weather coordinator will first e-mail the all-Snedecor e-mail list. The weather coordinator will then phone people on the various floors, and ask that they alert all individuals up and down their hallways to come to the first floor to take cover. (If you are called, 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. If you are teaching a class, you must allow your students to go to a safe place. If you personally do not wish to leave, we cannot force you, but we can/will strongly suggest that you take cover.