

SEVERE WEATHER/TORNADO

In Atlanta, severe weather is common; damaging thunderstorm winds, large hail, tornadoes, and in the winter months, ice may affect utilities or highways. The risk of a tornado striking the Emory community is low, but its consequence can be catastrophic. It is critical to be prepared.

Tornado Watch

Conditions are favorable for the development of a tornado. Be aware of your surroundings, and be alert, should the watch be upgraded to a warning.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by radar in your immediate area. Action should be taken to ensure your safety.

If a tornado warning is issued for portions of DeKalb or Newton counties, which may impact the Emory/Oxford campus, outdoor sirens, emergency text messages to enrolled users, and Emory's cable TV system will notify students, faculty, and staff. An Emory community email may also be sent to your Emory email address and an announcement will be posted on Emory's Emergency Announcements page at www.emory.edu/emergency. You may also turn on your weather radio and monitor for information in your local county (DeKalb, Newton).

If You Are Outside

- Seek shelter immediately on the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building.
- If you are outside with no shelter available, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris causes most fatalities and injuries associated with a tornado.

If You Are in a Vehicle

- Vehicles offer little protection. If possible, go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building.
- If shelter is not available, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.

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If You Are Inside

- Move to the lowest level of a building, in an interior room or hallway, away from windows.

Weather conditions change rapidly; monitor the National Weather Service (NWS), the Weather Channel, or your local television and/or radio station for the most updated weather conditions including when the threat for severe weather or tornadoes has passed the area. Emory's emergency notification system will send an alert to the community when the NWS tornado warning has expired.

After the Storm

Severe weather like a tornado may cause damage to the campus or the surrounding community. Be aware of falling debris and power line hazards. Consider calling parents and friends. Assure them that you are okay, and inform them of your whereabouts.

Lightning

Stay away from telephones, electrical appliances, and plumbing. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to a safe indoor shelter immediately.

Weather-Related Campus Closure

Icy conditions may lead to utility failures or traffic delays. School closure decisions will be made by 5:30 a.m. You may call 404.727.1234, tune to your local radio and TV channel, or log on to the Emory homepage at www.emory.edu for campus closure announcements.