

Severe weather: Are you ready?

This preparedness guide explains weather hazards and suggests life-saving actions you can take. With this information, you can develop a plan, and be ready to act when threatening weather approaches. Remember... your safety is up to YOU!

What you can do before severe weather strikes

- Develop a plan for you and your family at home, and when out doors.
- Identify a safe place to take shelter.
- Have frequent drills.
- Have a NOAA weather radio with warning alarm tone and battery back-up to receive warnings.
- Listen to radio and television for weather information.

Tornadoes...

Although tornadoes occur in many parts of the world, they are found most frequently in the United States. In an average year, 1,200 tornadoes cause 70 fatalities and 1,500 injuries nationwide.

Tornado safety Rules

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car.
- If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands
- Be aware of flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.
- Mobil homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes. Leave and get to the nearest sturdy building.

Flash Floods...

Is the #1 cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms...more than 140 fatalities each year. Most flash floods Fatalities occur at night and most victims are people who become trapped in automobiles. Six inches of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet; a depth of two feet will cause most vehicles to float.

- Avoid walking, swimming, or driving in floodwaters.
- Stay away from high water, storm drains, ditches, ravines, or culverts.
- If you come up on floodwaters, stop, turn around, and go another way.
- Don't let children play near storm drains.

Siren Testing...

The City of Moraine Fire Department tests the tornado sirens on the first Monday of each month at noon, weather permitting. These test are to ensure the sirens are operating properly.