

HOW TO SURVIVE A TORNADO

1 Find shelter.

The worst place to be during a tornado is out in the open—as on a golf course. If you cannot get inside a sturdy building, find a ditch and lie flat, covering your head with your hands. A sand trap or bunker is a good spot. Do not attempt to outrun or use a golf cart to outrace a tornado.

2 If inside, go to the basement, storm cellar, or the lowest level of the building.

If you are in a building with no basement, go to a first-floor inner hallway or a small inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet. Avoid buildings—including clubhouses—that have eaves. High winds can get under the eaves and blow the roof off.

3 Stay low to the floor.

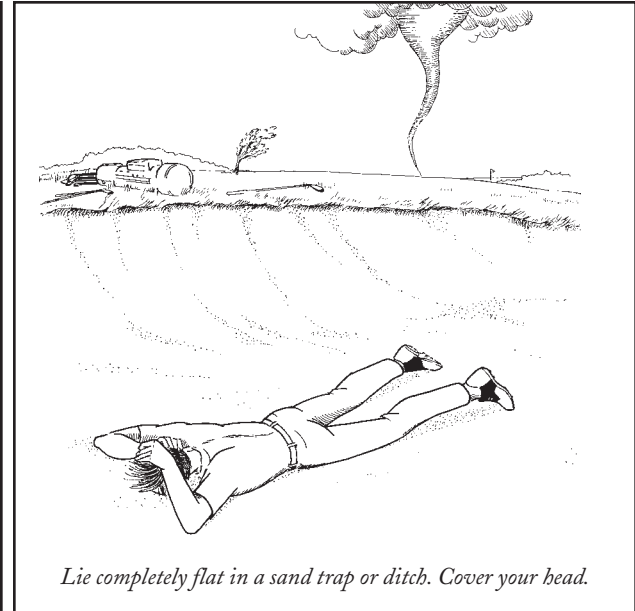
Very few “missiles” (wind-driven debris) penetrate walls below three feet above ground level.

4 Stay away from windows.

High winds and flying debris can shatter glass. Do not open windows.

5 Move to the center of the room.

Corners attract debris during high winds.



Lie completely flat in a sand trap or ditch. Cover your head.

6 Get under a piece of sturdy furniture.

Find a workbench or a heavy table or desk and hold on to it. If you are in a bathroom, lie down in a bathtub.

Be Aware

- Tornadoes are not always easy to spot. They can be nearly invisible, marked only by swirling debris at the base of the funnel. An approaching cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Some tornadoes are composed of several mini-funnels.

- A dark, often greenish sky, large hail, or a loud roar can indicate that a tornado is imminent.
- Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become still.
- Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm.
- Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year. In the southern United States, peak tornado season is March through May, while peak season in the northern United States is May through August.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3:00 and 9:00 P.M. but can occur at any hour.

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