



Know tornado safety



Join us. Get prepared.

Myth

Fact

Opening windows in a home or building during a tornado will help equalize pressure.

Opening windows will have no effect. Stay away from windows and exterior walls. Take shelter in the basement, storm cellar or an interior room without windows on the lowest floor.

If you are caught driving during a tornado, you should always get out of your car and get in a ditch.

Try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If there is flying debris, pull over and park. Stay in the car with the seat belt on and the engine running. Put your head below the windows, covering your head with your hands and a blanket.

Cities are protected from tornadoes because of the tall buildings.

Tall buildings do not protect from tornadoes. Cities cover a small geographical area so the chances of being directly hit are small. However, tornadoes can strike anywhere.

Taking shelter in the southwest corner of your home will protect you.

This is based on an outdated theory that all tornadoes come from the northeast. Tornadoes can move from any direction and no one corner of your home is always safe.

Download our Tornado App and other apps at redcross.org/mobileapps.