# Transportable Temporary Housing Units and Severe Weather

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FEMA's Transportable Temporary Housing Units are designed to be safe and secure short-term housing solutions, but severe weather can still pose a risk for damage. It is important to know how to protect yourself.

## Follow these practices to protect yourself, your family and your property while living in a temporary housing unit:

- Never take shelter in the unit during high winds, a tornado, hurricane or flood.
- All units are equipped with a weather radio. If severe weather is predicted, monitor the weather radio or local media and comply with evacuation orders.
- Always follow the guidance of local officials. It is their job to protect you and it is your responsibility to listen to their warnings and follow their orders.
- Plan your evacuation routes. Be sure to plan multiple routes to several safe shelters so that you are ready for potential road closings.
- Do not leave your pet(s) behind in the unit.

#### In Case of Severe Storms

If a severe storm is forecast for your area, move to a sturdy building or shelter until it passes.

#### In Case of a Tornado

- If a tornado warning is issued for your area, evacuate the unit immediately.
- Take shelter on the lowest floor of a nearby sturdy building or storm shelter, away from windows.
- Do not take shelter in a vehicle.

#### In Case of a Flood



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- If the potential for flooding exists in your area, monitor the status via the weather radio or local media.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If a flash flood warning is issued, evacuate immediately and move to higher ground.
- If you have time, place important items on the highest shelves. Disconnect electrical devices, but not if wet or while standing in water.
- When evacuating, do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause you to fall and can flood most compact or midsized cars. A foot of water will cause most vehicles to float. Two feet of water can even sweep away SUVs and trucks.

### **Additional Information**

For more severe weather safety tips, visit ready.gov.

