

Kentucky Survivors: Tornado and Flood Safety Information

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FRANKFORT, Ky. –When a **tornado warning** is issued, immediately seek the best available refuge area. Your chance of surviving improves if you follow these guidelines.

Where to go during a tornado

Best Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Above or below ground tornado storm shelter■ Specifically designed FEMA safe room
Good Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Interior room of a well-constructed home or building■ Basement
Bad Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Large open rooms like gymnasiums■ Manufactured housing
Worst Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mobile homes■ Vehicles■ Underneath a highway overpass

What to do during a flood



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- **Stay Informed:** Listen to radio and television, including NOAA weather radio, if possible, check the Internet and social media for information and updates.
- **Get to Higher Ground:** If you live in a flood prone area or are camping in a low-lying area, get to higher ground immediately.
- **Obey Evacuation Orders:** If told to evacuate, do so immediately. Lock your home when you leave. If you have time, disconnect utilities and appliances.
- **Practice Electrical Safety:** Don't go into a basement, or any room, if water covers the electrical outlets or if cords are submerged. If you see sparks or hear buzzing, crackling, snapping or popping noises--get out! Stay out of water that may have electricity in it!
- **Avoid Flood Waters:** Don't walk through flood waters. It only takes 6 inches of moving water to knock you off your feet. If you are trapped by moving water, move to the highest possible point and call 911 if possible.
- **Do NOT drive into flooded roadways or around a barricade;** Turn Around, Don't Drown! Water may be deeper than it appears and can hide hazards such as sharp objects, washed out road surfaces, electrical wires, chemicals, etc. A vehicle caught in swiftly moving water can be swept away in seconds 12 inches of water can float a car or small SUV, 18 inches of water can carry away large vehicles.
- **Stay inside your car if it is trapped in rapidly moving water.** Get on the roof if water is rising inside the car.
- **Get to the highest level if trapped in a building.** Only get on the roof if necessary and once there signal for help. Do not climb into a closed attic to avoid getting trapped by rising floodwater.



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