

Policy and Procedure

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Purpose: Inform students of the procedure for remaining safe in the event of a severe weather incident.

Scope: This procedure is in line with the general safety guidelines set forth by Creighton University, with a particular emphasis on making known the safe areas designated in each residence hall.

Policy: In the event of a weather emergency, students should follow the instructions of University officials, including hall staff, for safety and information. Students are advised to be aware of weather conditions.

Procedure:

When a Storm/Tornado Warning exists, students should move to the designated safe areas in their residence hall. These locations are:

- Davis Square: storm shelter in the basement of the west building (Room B15)
- Deglman Hall: basement hallway
- Gallagher Hall: basement in the south stairwell
- Heider Hall: garage area, stay clear of entrance door
- Kenefick Hall: garage area, stay clear of entrance door
- Kiewit Hall: basement
- McGloin Hall: ground floor interior rooms (vending or study area beneath main entrance)
- Opus Hall: storm shelter in southwest section of the complex
- Swanson Hall: basement and first two floors of north stairwell

A Tornado Watch implies that the weather conditions are such that a storm could develop. A Tornado Warning indicates that a tornado has been sighted, though not necessarily on the ground, somewhere in the Omaha area. The sirens students may hear indicate that a storm is in the vicinity; students should not wait to hear sirens before moving to safety. There is no siren indicating an all-clear signal. Tornado and Storm Warnings have a 30-minute time limit. This time limit, unless extended by the Weather Service, should indicate that and storm conditions that existed should have passed.

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