

Flood Safety

Flash floods are one of the most dangerous weather events. Nearly half of flash flood accidents are car related. Flooding can occur anytime of the year. Whenever it rains heavily, there may be flash floods.

Flash Flood Watch– Means flooding is possible in your area.

Flash Flood Warning– Means flooding is taking place in your area or will soon.

In a Car or Truck

Watch for flooding on bridges & low points in the road.

Do not drive through any flood water over the road. It takes a small amount of water to wash away a car or truck.

Stay off bridges or roads under water. All of a sudden the bridge or road could be washed out.

If your car is washed away by water, get out and swim to higher ground.

When You Are Outside

NEVER PLAY IN FLOOD WATER!!! You may fall into or become trapped in storm drains or manholes that have lost covers. Water can rise quickly in ditches, streams, culverts, & other waterways.



Web Sites for Kids

www.kidsgetaplan.com www.weatherwizkids.com

www.sesamestreet.org/ready www.weatherclub.org

www.noaa.kids.us www.femakids.gov

www.theweatherchannelkids.com

Weather Safety Terms

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TORNADO
LIGHTNING
FLOOD
WARNING
WATCH
THUNDERSTORM
BASEMENT
FUNNEL
HAIL
RAINBOW
THUNDER
ELECTRICITY
TREE
TELEPHONE
WINTER
BLIZZARD
FREEZING
WIND
FLASHLIGHT
BLANKET
WATER
FOOD

RADIO
BOOM
SKY
HOUSE
STREAMS
CLOUDS
WATER
SNOWDRIFT
BATTERIES
HAT
COAT
EARMUFFS
CELLPHONE
SHOVEL
DISASTER
HEAT
COLD
RAIN

Weather Safety For Kids



Saving Lives.....Protecting Property

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Thunderstorm & Lightning Safety

Thunderstorms happen in every state in the nation and every thunderstorm has lightning. Along with lightning, heavy rain from thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding. Strong winds, hail & tornadoes are also dangers associated with some thunderstorms. Here are some tips & terms to stay safe.

Thunderstorm Watch—Means a thunderstorm is possible for your area

Thunderstorm Warning— Means a thunderstorm is taking place in your area

If You're Outdoors

Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind. If you hear thunder go to a safe place immediately.

The best shelter is a sturdy building or a hard top car with windows rolled up. If there is no shelter, avoid trees, poles, fences, or metal objects. Take off your backpack because it might have metal on it

Get into the **"lightning safety position,"** squat down near the ground on the balls of your feet, head down with your hands over your ears. Do not lie flat on the ground.

Stay out of water!! If you are swimming or boating get out of the water and seek shelter.

If You're Indoors

Avoid water. Do not take a shower, bath, wash dishes or do laundry. Lightning can come through metal pipes in your home.

Stay off the phone & computer, as well as other electrical appliances. Lightning can come through electrical & phone lines.

Stay away from windows & do not stand under porches.

Tornado Safety

Tornadoes come from powerful thunderstorms & appear as rotating, funnel-shaped clouds with winds up to 300 miles per hour. Every state is at risk for tornado damage but Iowa is one of several states with the highest risk. Typical tornado season runs from March to August.

Tornado Watch— Means tornadoes are possible in your area. Stay tuned to the radio or TV news.

Tornado Warning— Means a tornado is either in the ground or has been detected by radar. **Seek Shelter Immediately!!**

Before a Tornado

Have a disaster plan. Make sure everyone know where to go in case a tornado threatens. Prepare a disaster supply kit for your home & car.

Make sure you know how to find your county on a State map to know how close the tornado & storms may be.

During a Tornado

Know where to go! Go to a basement or interior room without windows on the lowest floor such as a bathroom or closet. Try to get under a sturdy piece of furniture, like a table.

If in a mobile home, try to get to a storm shelter in your community. Know ahead of time where the local storm shelter is located.

If in your car, do not try to outrun a tornado. Leave the car & get into a ditch or low lying area and lie flat on your stomach & cover your head.

Tornado at School

Follow the directions of your teachers

Go into an inside hall on the lowest floor. Crouch near the wall, bend over & put your hands on the back of your head

Stay away from glass windows and large rooms



Weather Jokes

Q: What did one tornado say to the other?

A: Let's twist again like we did last summer

Q: What happens when it rains cats & dogs?

A: You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

Q: What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks?

A: Foul (fowl) weather

Q: Whatever happened to the cow that was lifted into the air by the tornado?

A: Udder Disaster!

Use the map to find your county.

Know your county location to follow Severe Weather Events



County and City Maps



City and County Map Files - click on county of interest.

