

An estimated [1,000 tornadoes](#) occur in the United States each year, destroying homes and businesses and leaving hundreds of thousands without power.

Here are some tips to help your business prepare for a tornado.

✓ BEFORE A TORNADO:
Practice scenarios periodically to avoid confusion in the event of an actual emergency situation.
Have medical supplies, including employee medications, close by.
Purchase a portable AM/FM radio.
Look for the following danger signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dark, often greenish sky</li> <li>• Large hail</li> <li>• Low-lying clouds (particularly if rotating)</li> <li>• Loud roar, similar to a freight train</li> </ul>
If you see approaching storms or any of the above danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.
<a href="#">Have a disaster recovery plan in place.</a>

✓ DURING A TORNADO:
Follow the instructions given by local emergency management officials.
Know the difference between a <a href="#">tornado watch</a> and a <a href="#">tornado warning</a> .
If you are inside, stay away from the windows and seek cover in a basement.
If you don't have a basement in your office, go to the lowest floor of the building and seek shelter in a small center room (such as a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell or in an interior hallway with no windows.
If you're caught in the middle of a tornado while in your car, stay put.
Keep your employees informed by sending out an automated call recording or email.

✓ AFTER A TORNADO:
Account for all employees.
Address staff injuries. For those severely injured, contact 911.
When safe, inspect both the exterior and interior of the building for damage.
Avoid downed power lines.
Communicate with employees, customers and vendors to let them know the status of your business.
Refer to your <a href="#">detailed disaster recovery assessment</a> to determine next steps for continuing your business operations.
Review your <a href="#">preparedness plan</a> to determine what worked and what areas needed improvement.

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