

TORNADO – SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Tornado – Safety Policies and Procedures for the Purdue West Lafayette Campus have been published in Executive Memorandum No. A-26, 4 April 1979.

The following guidelines are excerpts from the aforementioned publication. REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES SO YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH SAFETY MEASURES TO FOLLOW IN CASE OF TORNADO ACTIVITY.

1. Warning system used on campus and in the cities.
 - A. A single siren tone for three to five minutes signals a “tornado warning” and “take cover”.
 - B. A voice message will be broadcast over WBAA 920 on AM and the University Residence Halls Television Antennae System.
2. When a “tornado warning” is issued the following activities should be interrupted and the indicated safeguards initiated immediately. You may have only a few minutes in which to act.
 - A. Classes should cease immediately. Students and staff should shut off lab equipment for which they are responsible and proceed to the closest safe area which in the Pharmacy Building is an inside corridor or hallway on all floors except the fourth and fifth floors. (Inform class that they are expected back in the classroom or lab when the “all clear” is announced.)
 - B. All University business and activities except for emergency services will terminate. Students, staff, and faculty should proceed to the closest sheltered area (inside corridors or hallways in the Pharmacy Building, except the fourth and fifth floors) until the warning expires.
3. When a tornado warning has been cancelled, an announcement will be made over the local radio and television stations.