



# Tornado Safety

Are you and your family Tornado Ready? If not — there's no time to waste!

## When a Storm Forms

### LISTEN

- ☛ To your NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards
  - It's like a smoke detector for severe weather and hazardous conditions
  - It will tell you all about dangerous weather that's on the way
  - It will sound an alarm to get your attention or wake you up so you can get to safety



## Tornado Watch

**LISTEN—A Watch means conditions are right for a tornado to maybe form**

### KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKY

- ☛ Watch for tornado clues
  - Dark or greenish sky • Wall Cloud • Large Hail • Cloud of Debris • Funnel Cloud • Roaring Noise
  - May be hidden and invisible in a wall of rain
  - May appear at the tail end of a storm and even have clear, blue skies behind it

## Tornado Warning — TAKE SHELTER NOW!!

**LISTEN—A Warning means a tornado has been spotted in your area or on radar**

### Inside a sturdy building

- ☛ Go to a basement
- ☛ If there is no basement, go to a windowless interior room or hallway
  - Put as many walls as possible between yourself and the outside
  - Get under a sturdy table, curl up and cover your head with your arms and a pillow or blanket
- ☛ Do not open windows

### In a mobile home, trailer or car

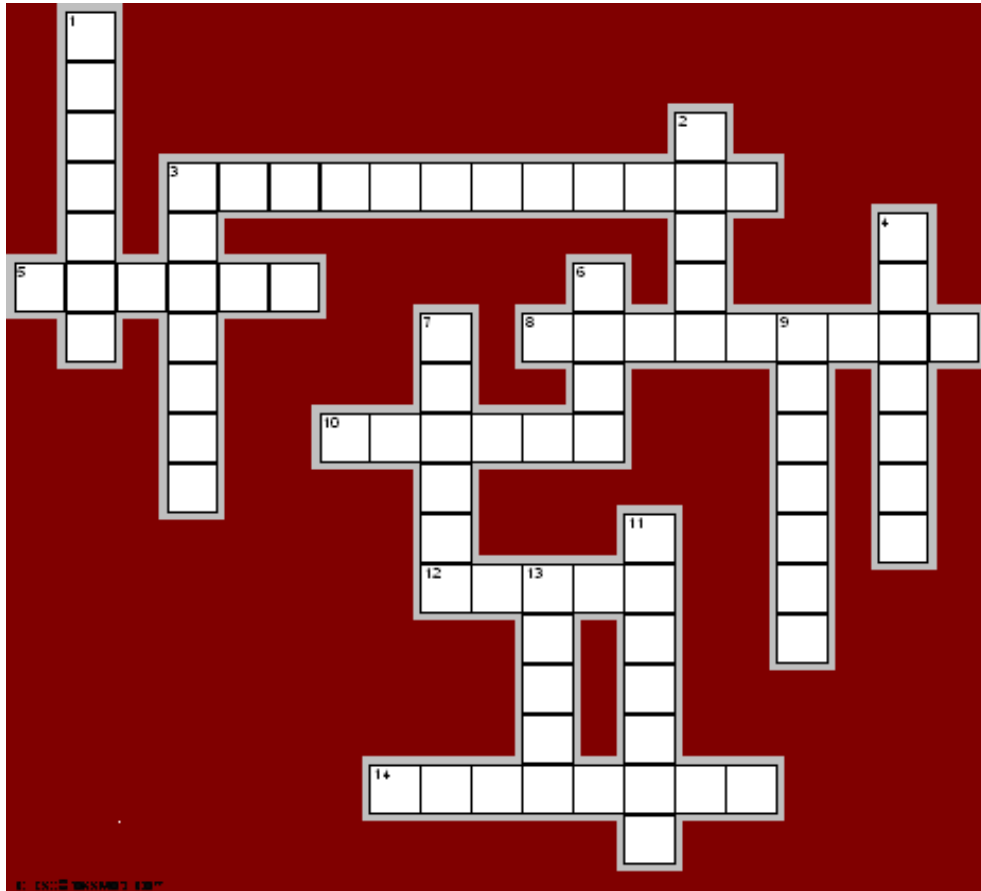
- ☛ Get out! Go to the nearest sturdy building

### Outdoors with no shelter

- ☛ Find a low spot or depression, lie flat and cover your head with your arms
- ☛ Stay away from bridges & overpasses
- ☛ Never try to outrun a tornado
- ☛ Watch out for flying debris



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## Across

3. a storm that has thunder, lightning, gusty winds, hail, precipitation and sometimes tornadoes
5. the remains of something broken down or destroyed; an accumulation of fragments of rock
8. a thunderstorm that produces an unusual amount of hail
10. a towering cone-shaped cloud that is not in contact with the ground is referred to as a \_\_\_\_\_ cloud
12. an official alert issued by the National Weather Service when tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible for a specified area is call a tornado \_\_\_\_\_
14. a safe, below-ground place to shelter during a tornado

## Down

1. another name for a tornado
2. another word for practice
3. a violently rotating column of air in contact with the ground and extending from the base of a thunderstorm
4. an emergency alert issued by the National Weather Service when a tornado is occurring or imminent in the warned area is called a tornado \_\_\_\_\_
6. precipitation in the form of balls or irregular lumps of ice
7. something you should never open during a tornado warning
9. a vehicle or mobile home that is very unsafe during a tornado -- you should get to a safer shelter
11. a place to go where you can be safe during a tornado warning
13. something to get under if a tornado is coming