

Tornado Safety Rules

- The safest place to be is an underground shelter, basement, or safe room.
- If no underground shelter or safe room is available, a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.
- Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes. Abandon mobile homes and go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately.
- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter:
 - Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
 - If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:
 - *Stay in your vehicle with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible.*
 - *If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.*
- Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances



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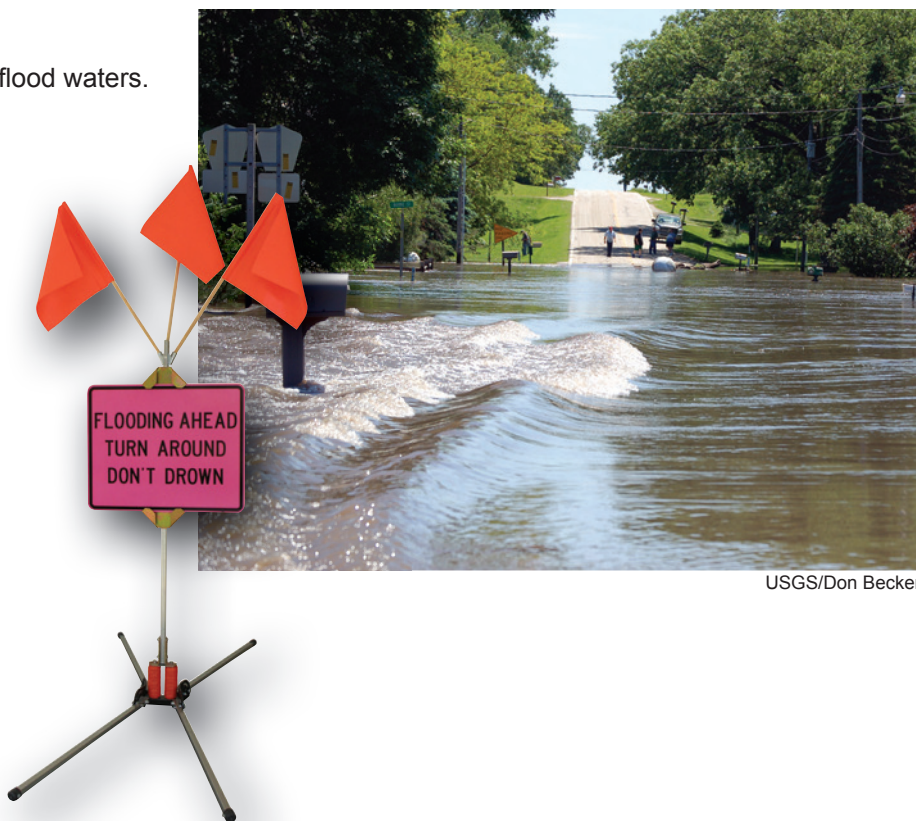
Occasionally tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado such as a dark, often greenish sky, large hail, or a loud roar similar to a freight train.

Flash Flood Safety Rules

- Avoid driving, walking, or swimming in flood waters.
- Stay away from high water, storm drains, ditches, ravines, or culverts. Even moving water only six inches deep can knock you off your feet. Move to higher ground.
- Do not let children play near storm drains.
- If you come upon a flooded roadway never drive through it.

**TURN AROUND
DON'T DROWN!!!**

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