



Crime Prevention Tips

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Tornado Safety

Tornados are at their peak during the spring into the summer. Arapahoe County is on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains causing an increased chance of tornados being in this area. To be safe you must know the signs for a tornado, what to do once one is approaching, and how to act afterwards.

Tornado **Watch** = A tornado is “possible”

Tornado **Warning** = A tornado has been spotted, seek shelter immediately.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR (*signs that a tornado is highly likely*)

- Look for dark (almost dark green) clouds approaching.
- Listen to radios and televisions for Tornado Warnings in your area.
- Look for large hail and strong winds.
- If you are outside look for forming funnel clouds.
- Listen for a loud roar similar to an oncoming train.

WHAT TO DO IF A TORNADO IS APPROACHING

- Hide in the basement, under a sturdy table, and/or under stairs.
- If you do not have a basement, hide in a first floor, windowless interior room (such as a closet or bathroom).
- Avoid windows and exterior walls.
- Cover yourself with a heavy blanket or sleeping bag to avoid debris.
- Have an emergency kit in the safest place (water, food, first aid kit, battery powered flashlight and radio).
- Wherever you are, “duck and cover”, especially if you are outside or in a room with exterior walls. Lay down on the ground with your face to the ground covering your head and neck with your hands.
- If you are in a car or truck, park your vehicle out of traffic lanes and seek shelter away from your vehicle. Do not seek shelter under a bridge, they provide little shelter and can be dangerous.
- If you are outside, seek shelter in a building or run to low ground away from cars, then “duck and cover”.
- Do not try to out run a tornado in a vehicle or on foot, seek shelter instead.

AFTERMATH

- Wait until the storm has passed.
- Have a designated friend for your family to call in case anyone gets separated.
- If your home is damaged, leave immediately in case there is any structural damage. Be cautious and look for possible signs of collapse.
- If you go outside, be cautious of structural damages such as downed electrical wires, down bridges, and weekend walls.
- Look for authorities and cooperate with all instructions.
- Call your insurance agent (take pictures of the damages).

Be safe by taking these measures to protect yourself, and always be cautious of tornados. If you have any questions, call Amir Stephen at (720) 874-3752 or e-mail at astephen@co.arapahoe.co.us

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Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at
(303)-795-4711 or 911 for emergencies**