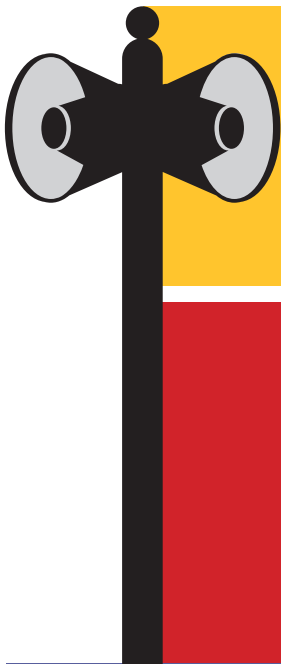




Tornado facts:

- Illinois ranks fourth in the United States for the most tornadoes per square mile
- 80 % of tornadoes happen during the day
- Tornadoes have occurred every month of the year at all hours of the day
- It is critical that you monitor the ever-changing weather conditions in Illinois
- Conduct periodic tornado safety drills at home and work
- Maintain an emergency supply kit
- Check the weather forecast before traveling. Postpone plans if severe weather is imminent.



TORNADO WATCH: *BE PREPARED!*

Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the [Storm Prediction Center](#) for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

TORNADO WARNING: *TAKE ACTION!*

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your [local forecast office](#). Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on [radar](#) or by a [trained spotter](#)/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

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