

TORNADO PROCEDURES FOR THE SEWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

TORNADO WATCH

When the National Weather Service issues a tornado watch, it will be received by weather alert located in key facilities on fairgrounds. Upon hearing the announcement of a TORNADO WATCH, each building host will be responsible for notifying all guests in their building. The notification will include the following information/instructions:

- Seward County is under a TORNADO WATCH
- Time tornado watch expires
- Normal routine will not be interrupted unless a TORNADO WARNING is issued
- If the weather notification or outside sirens sound indicating a tornado warning for Seward County, proceed immediately to nearest designated tornado shelter in your building.

TORNADO WARNING

When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning, tornado sirens will be activated. All individuals on the fairgrounds will proceed to the nearest designated tornado shelter area in the building where they are located. Shelter areas depend on your location at the time of the tornado warning.

IF YOU ARE IN A BUILDING, STAY IN THAT BUILDING AND GO TO THE NEAREST DESIGNATED SHELTER AREA. IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE, IMMEDIATELY ENTER THE NEAREST BUILDING AND PROCEED TO THE NEAREST DESIGNATED SHELTER AREA.

- A. Fairboard member(s) and/or personnel will:
1. Direct occupants to proceed in a quick and orderly manner to the nearest designated shelter area in the building.
 2. Instruct occupants not to leave the building.
 3. Provide assistance to persons with disabilities.
 4. Accompany occupants to the nearest designated shelter area in the building.
- B. Occupants will:
1. Proceed to the nearest designated shelter area in the building by the quickest route.
 2. Move quickly but in an orderly manner so that all may arrive safely.
 3. Take a seat in the shelter area (if seats are not available, calmly remain standing).

REMAIN IN THE SHELTER UNTIL THE TORNADO WARNING IS OVER. THERE IS NO "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL GIVEN; THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY LISTENING TO A RADIO OR TV STATION.

- C. Persons with a weather alert radio should bring the radio to the shelter and monitor for the expiration or continuation of the warning.

- D. If you are in the open:
1. Move at right angles to the tornado.
 2. Attempt to reach shelter, such as a building with a basement.
 3. If there is no time to escape or find shelter, lie flat in a ditch or depression, avoiding areas subject to rapid water accumulation or flooding in heavy rains.
- E. Trouble areas/places to avoid:
1. All outside walls (if avoidable) , outside doors and windows of buildings.
 2. Vehicles---do not use for shelter.

DESIGNATED TORNADO SHELTERS

Ag Pavilion: Restrooms, dining area and kitchen

Harvest Hall: Hallways, restrooms and kitchen

4-H Center: Restrooms and office

Reunion Center: Restrooms

4-H Cottage: Restroom

Grandstand: Restrooms, storage and office

Livestock Center: 4-H Center restrooms and office