

Tornados



the **3Ps** of Tornado Preparation

Tornados strike suddenly and with little to no warning. In an average year, about 1,000 tornados are reported nationwide, according to the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA). The Central and Midwest regions of the U.S. are major tornado hotspots. Tornados (including thunderstorms) accounted for the largest share of insured losses from natural disasters in 2010.

With tornados, you are frequently dealing with a matter of minutes, or even seconds, to escape. Being properly prepared ahead of time can save your life.

To ensure the safety of your family and property, be sure to follow the Three Ps of Tornado Preparation:

People (and Pets):

- **Create an evacuation plan.** Map the safest areas and routes to evacuate your house. Identify multiple emergency transit routes in all directions, and a primary and secondary meeting location. Know where your nearest evacuation shelters are located.
- **Prepare an easily transportable emergency kit.**
- **First aid course.** Have a member of your family take a first aid course.
- **Identify an out-of-area contact.** Designate a friend or family member in another state who can act as a communication traffic manager and make sure that they have your updated contact list (children's schools, doctor's offices, employer, etc.).
- **Protect your pets.** Know your pets' favorite hiding place so that you can find them easily.



Property:

- **Ready your home.** Construct a storm safe room, install permanent shutters, and prune trees and foliage.
- **Secure large items.** If you have time, bring items such as lawn chairs, furniture, toys, trash cans or lightweight yard structures into the house or garage.
- **Turn off utilities.** Know where your utility switches and valves are located.



Possessions:

- **Take an inventory of your personal property.** Create an organized photo catalog of your belongings on your smartphone with the easy-to-use **Liberty Mutual Home Gallery™** app.
- **Protect documentation.** Make copies of all important documents (passport, driver's license, birth certificate, financial documentation, vehicle registration, property deeds, will, etc.) and keep copies with your out-of-area contact.



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