

Tornado Information

This is the time for adverse weather to strike at any time and you should all be reminded of important information.

The tornado siren at Earlham will be activated when Wayne County is under a **tornado warning**. You will receive a message from the **Earlham Urgency Network** via email, phone voice or text, as you have selected in Banner. When a warning or watch is cancelled, you will receive another message from the Earlham Urgency Network.

- A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been sighted in the area.
- A **tornado watch** means conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop.

When you hear the **tornado warning siren** and/or receive a Urgency Network message, immediately seek shelter indoors, preferably below ground level in the southwest corner. Go to interior small rooms or hallways. Do not use elevators. Stay away from windows because they may be blown in or smashed with flying debris. Avoid large open spaces such as the dining hall, wellness center, and greenhouse.

Please note that the sirens are tested every 3rd Wednesday of the month. During this test the sirens are activated for a 30 second period. The tests are always held at 12 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Campus Safety and Security at ext. 1400.

IN CASE OF A TORNADO

THE BEST PLACES TO GO AT ESR & BETHANY

Building	Primary	Secondary
Bethany	Basement hallway	1 st or 2 nd floor bathrooms
ESR Classroom	1 st floor bathrooms	2 nd floor bathrooms
Robert Barclay Center	Basement, away from furnace	No real good alternatives

Additional points of interest:

- You typically have 30 seconds from the time of the Tornado warning to get to safety.
- Get away from windows! Most injuries are from flying debris and glass.
- When you reach your safe area, lay on your stomach, with your hands clasped over your head, using your arms to shield the sides of your face.
- Don't use the elevator. The power may go out, and you could be stuck for quite a while.
- Stay away from utilities and gas lines. This means the basement in the ESR building is NOT safe. Stay out of utility/furnace rooms in the Bethany and RBC basements.
- If you are with a handicapped person, try to assist them to a lower level safe area. **DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR.** If you can't negotiate the stairs, take the person to an inner room; usually the bathrooms are best.