

The following is DMACC's Tornado procedure:

Tornado Warnings

If severe weather occurs and the local Civil Defense Department issues a warning, a Tornado alarm will sound inside and outside the College's buildings.

Warning Sound

Inside the buildings at Ankeny & Newton Campuses, the tornado alarm "pulsates" or goes off and on, as opposed to a fire alarm that is a steady siren. Outside the buildings, you may hear your area's conventional City Tornado Alarm, which is a long steady siren.

Ankeny Campus in Bldgs. 1, 7, 15-20, Urban Bldgs. 1-5, Carroll Campus, West Campus, Boone Campus and Story County Career Academy are equipped with newer fire/tornado alarm panels. With these newer panels, after the alarm sounds, instructions will be broadcast over speakers directing people to the tornado shelter for severe weather or out of the building in case of a fire.

Taking Shelter

When a tornado alarm sounds, go to the designated area or an INTERIOR hallway or restroom **away from exterior windows**, glass doors or any potential flying glass. These safer designated areas as well as the Tornado procedure is described on the Tornado Drill instructions posted throughout the buildings and inside all classrooms near the main hallway entrance. Please familiarize yourself on the designated safer areas to go to in case of a tornado.

Power Outages

If DMACC loses power, the National Weather Service WILL NOT be able to alert DMACC of a Tornado by sounding the DMACC Tornado Siren. In the event weather conditions appear that may produce tornadoes and there is a power outage, remember that all buildings have at least one weather radio which can provide information on current tornadic activity. Contact your Building Captain for the location of the weather radio in your building.

All Clear Signal

The tornado alarm, when activated, will stay on for about 3 minutes. The tornado alert is still in effect after the alarm turns off and remains in effect until an ALL CLEAR determination has been made. Security will make the rounds through the buildings to inform at least one person (Building Captain, Provost or a Provost's secretary) that it is ALL CLEAR. A Building Captain (with the aid of a weather radio) can also determine that it is ALL CLEAR. When the ALL CLEAR

determination has been made, the person Security informs or the Building Captain should then inform everyone in their building that all threat of tornadoes has passed. If an additional alarm sounds, this will signify a second tornado and everyone should again go to the designated areas and wait for a second ALL CLEAR determination.

Fast Moving Tornadoes

If a tornado alarm sounds (at a time other than normal Tornado alarm testing for your campus) and it appears to be sunny and nice outside, this may be an alert for a fast moving tornado that is 20-30 miles away. Assume this is a tornado and that we are in its path. Determine if a tornado is in the area with the aid of a weather radio. Inform everyone in the building if there is no tornado. Do not assume a tornado alarm that has been activated is malfunctioning and ignore it. In the past, there have been almost no false tornado alarms.

Stay in your Building

Do not get in your car and leave; and do not dismiss class to allow students to go home! Cars offer no protection from tornadoes. Your chances are much better in a building interior hallway away from windows and glass doors. If you are in your car, get out and go to a building or lay down in a ditch or depression.

Do not go to another building that you feel may be safer. Many tornado alarms do not allow more than a few minutes to get to a safer area.

If anyone refuses to go to the designated safer areas or they insist on leaving the building to go home, DMACC staff and faculty cannot force them to go to the shelter area.

Reporting a Tornado you see

If you see a tornado and the alarm has not sounded, call 9-911 from any campus phone, 911 from any pay phone (no coins needed), or Security 6500 then proceed to a shelter area.

Campus Security Telephone Numbers:

Ankeny Campus: DMACC Security at 964-6500, or the Physical Plant (at 964-6253 or at 964-6259), or 9-911.