Shelter-in-Place for
Tornado

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground. Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.

Take Additional Safety Measures

Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.

Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told that they are safe.

If you are trapped, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle instead of shouting.

Take your go-bag and critical documents with you.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions from authorities.

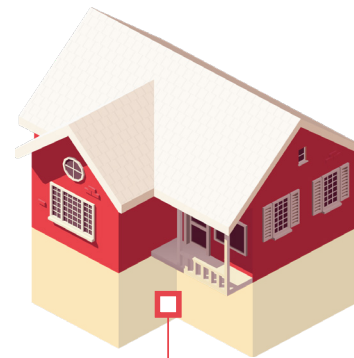## If you are in a **Manufactured** or **Mobile Home**

Evacuate to a safe room, storm shelter, or sturdy building. Manufactured structures such as mobile homes are unsafe during a tornado.

Take your go-bag and critical documents with you (for SIP and evacuation).

If you are in a **1- or 2-Story Building** May have an attic and/or basement

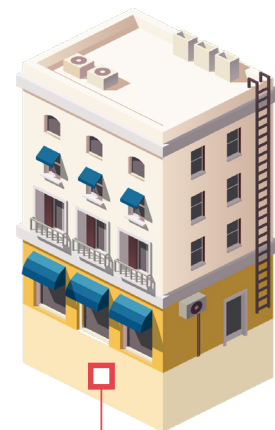If you don't have basement, take shelter on the first floor.

Go to a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.

Basement or lowest level in the structure

Take your go-bag and critical documents with you (for SIP and evacuation).

If you are in a **Multistory Building** Includes schools, apartments, and offices

Go to a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.

Basement, parking levels or other lowest level in the structure

Take your go-bag and critical documents with you (for SIP and evacuation).

Do not shelter-in-place

Leave immediately. Do not stay inside.

How long to shelter-in-place?

Stay inside until weather forecasts and local authorities indicate it is safe to leave.

Use extreme care when leaving a building as there may be dangerous debris.

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