

# SCITUATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## **IF A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED:**

- Go to NOAA Weather Radio and your local news or official social media accounts for updated emergency information. Follow the instructions of state, local and tribal officials.
- Go to a safe shelter immediately, such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or a small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
- Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If you can't stay at home, make plans to go to a public shelter.
- Only secure equipment if there is time and it can be done safely

## **If you are in:**

**A structure** (e.g. residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building), then:

- Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level.
- If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls.
- Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- Do not open windows.

**A vehicle, trailer, or mobile home, then:**

- Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.

**The outside with no shelter, then:**

- Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat area
- Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Watch out for flying debris
- Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.