

If you
hear it
coming,
make
tracks!!



Night of a Thousand Trains

TORNADOES HAVE OFTEN BEEN SAID TO SOUND LIKE A THOUSAND LOCOMOTIVES OR PLANES.

IF A TORNADO THREATENS, FOLLOW THESE SAFETY RULES: **1.** IN HOMES AND SMALL BUILDINGS, GO TO THE INNER-MOST PART OF THE LOWEST LEVEL. **2.** STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND OUTSIDE WALLS. INTERIOR CLOSETS, HALLS, AND BATHROOMS ARE GOOD PLACES TO GO. **3.** IF YOU DO NOT HAVE TIME TO GET TO THE LOWEST LEVEL, GET UNDER SOMETHING STURDY LIKE A BED. **4.** IN SCHOOLS? GET UNDER YOUR DESK. **5.** ABANDON MOBILE HOMES, CARS, AND TRUCKS. GET INTO FIRMLY BUILT SHELTER. IF NONE IS AVAILABLE, LIE FLAT IN A LOW SPOT, RAVINE, OR CULVERT WITH YOUR HANDS PROTECTING YOUR HEAD. **6.** FINALLY, AVOID USING BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES FOR SHELTER. STOPPING UNDER BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES ONLY LEADS TO TRAFFIC JAMS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A GREATER NUMBER OF INJURIES THAN WHAT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE OCCURRED.

DISPELLING SOME COMMON TORNADO MYTHS: **A.** DECREASING THE AIR PRESSURE IN A HOUSE BY OPENING A WINDOW DOES NOTHING TO DECREASE THE DAMAGE. EVEN THE STRONGEST TORNADOES (EF5 OF THE ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE) DO NOT REDUCE THE AIR PRESSURE LOW ENOUGH TO CAUSE A HOUSE TO "EXPLODE". LEAVE THE WINDOWS ALONE. THE TORNADO WILL OPEN THEM FOR YOU. **B.** THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A BASEMENT IS NOT THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE IN A TORNADO. ACTUALLY, THE WORST PLACE TO BE IS ON THE SIDE FROM WHICH THE TORNADO IS APPROACHING...USUALLY THE SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST. **C.** YOU ARE SAFER OUTSIDE OF YOUR AUTOMOBILE THAN INSIDE. THE HIGH WIND OF A TORNADO CAN BLOW YOUR CAR AROUND MUCH LIKE YOU CAN WITH A WAD OF PAPER. **D.** BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES ARE NOT SAFE PLACES TO BE IN A TORNADO. YOU ARE HIGHER ABOVE THE GROUND, IN THE STRONGER WIND, AND ARE IN THE PATH WHERE MOST FLYING DEBRIS OCCURS.



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