

NATURAL DISASTER GUIDELINES

The season for storms and tornadoes is approaching. Now is a good time to review safety precautions in the event of a storm, as well as other safety measures:

1. **Tornado Watch** means there is a chance of a tornado.
2. **Tornado Warning** means a tornado has been spotted and you should immediately take shelter.
3. **Be aware** of approaching storms:
 - Listen to your radio or TV
 - Have a flashlight and blanket handy
 - Watch the sky--but stay away from windows once a storm has hit
4. **Be prepared** to take shelter:
 - Remain calm
 - Go to the downstairs hallway and stay there until the all clear signal is given
 - Go to the hallway as soon as **you feel** the need. Don't wait for someone else to make your decision for you.

Once you have reached the hallway get down on the floor, tuck your arms and legs next to your body as much as possible and cover your head with a blanket or other protective covering.

5. **Once the ALL CLEAR** signal has been given, residents may return to their apartments if safe to do so. If building has suffered obvious damage, residents should go the nearest safe exit and **assemble in the North or South yard area** to check in with Housing Authority staff, and if necessary, be transferred to community shelters.

DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR if emergency or fire alarms or signals have sounded.

In the event of a fire or fire alarm sounds, do not open your door until you have taken the time to feel your door for heat sensitivity. If door is cool, proceed to the nearest exit and congregate in the designated area as provided above.

POST THIS in a conspicuous place in your apartment and familiarize yourself with the building. Chaos and confusion during disasters can be avoided if people remain calm and follow directions.

