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Emergency Procedures-Severe Weather: Severe Thunderstorm, Tornado Watch, Tornado Warning

The Clinical Research Center (CRC) staff will follow Nebraska Medicine plan for severe weather (MP-EO01 – Emergency Operations Plan and Yellow Emergency Preparedness Manual).

Definitions

- **Tornado WATCH:** Issued when weather conditions exist that could produce a tornado. A tornado watch may last for several hours.
- **Tornado WARNING:** Issued when a tornado has actually been sighted and is threatening the community. At this time, the outdoor warning sirens are sounded, and the emergency messages are broadcast by the media. A tornado warning usually lasts for 30 minutes or less.
- **Straight-line Winds:** The outdoor warning sirens will be activated when straight-line winds in excess of 80 mph are expected.

Response to Initial Notification

1. Reassure research participants and distribute CRC flashlights.
2. Flashlights are located in the following areas:
 - Clinical Research Unit (UT4)
 - North Treatment Room University Tower (UT4) Room 3443
 - Coordinator's offices Room-University Tower (UT4) Room 3445
 - CRC laboratory University Tower (UT4) Room 3448
 - Eppley Cancer Institute (ECI) Room 2031.1
 - Clinical Research Unit (GCHS) Room 2043
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 - Clinical Research Unit (GCHS) Room 2043
3. Begin evacuation:
 - a. CRU (UT) to the University Tower first floor via the stairwell located by turning left when exiting the CRU's front door.
 - b. CRC Eppley Cancer Institute (ECI) to the first floor via the stairwell located either east end or west end within the department.



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- c. CRU (GCHS) down the inside north stairs into the Lions Eye bank, make your way to the rooms on the north wall that have no windows.
- 4. Be alert for additional communication. Monitor a department computer website for updates on storm information.
- 5. Use telephone for essential or emergent communication only.
- 6. Reassure research participants, inform them when the storm has passed, and return to respective areas.

Associated Form:

Department Safety Poster

References

Nebraska Medicine:

- [EC06 Fire Extinguishers](#)
- [EC25 Life Safety and Statement of Conditions](#)
- [MP-EO01 – Emergency Operations Plan](#)

Yellow Emergency Procedures Manual [flipchart]

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IN THE EVENT OF AN **EMERGENCY** ON CAMPUS: **DIAL 402-559-5555**



Nearest Fire Extinguisher:

Hallway on West wall across from Exam 2. North back wall across from Lab UH3493.

Nearest Stair Tower Exit:

Turn left when exiting the CRC's front door. Turn left when exiting the CRC's back door.



Nearest Fire Pull Station:

Turn left when exiting CRC's main front door between rest room and stairwell on North wall.
Turn left when exiting CRC's back door between back door of clinic and stairwell on West wall.

Severe Weather Safe Area:

Level 1 tunnel. Turn left when exiting the CRC's front door.



Nearest AED Device:

UH 3483 Exam #4 in beige rolling cart (2nd drawer) marked AED.

Muster Point:

In front of the Michael Sorrell building, by the stethoscope.

