

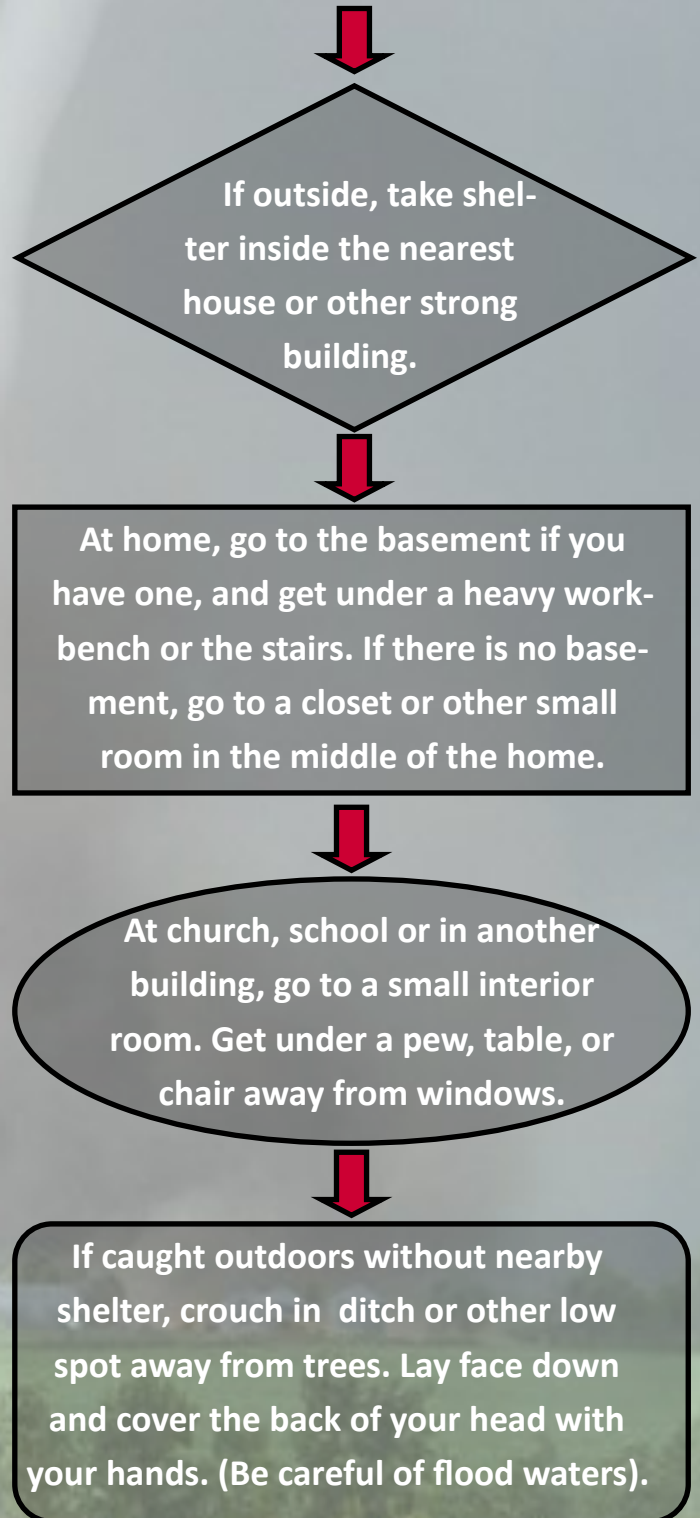
# Tornado Safety For Kids

## Did You Know?

1. A tornado often looks like a funnel with the fat part at the top. Inside the tornado, winds may swirl up to 300 miles per hour and can be extremely dangerous, but most are not that strong.
2. If it goes through a community, a tornado can severely damage homes and barns, throw trees and farm equipment, and shatter sheds and small buildings into splinters.
3. Sometimes the tornado can not be seen. It might be raining too hard or the tornado may come at night. Listen for the sound of a loud and constant roar. Large hail and a greenish sky can also be a sign that a tornado is possible.
4. In Kentucky, most tornadoes occur during March, April, May, and June, but they can occur in every month.
5. Many people are badly hurt or even killed by tornadoes each year.
6. Knowing what to do when a tornado approaches could keep you from being hurt.

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## When a Tornado Approaches...



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# The Tornado Activity Page

Read the statement and decide whether it is True or False. See the bottom of the page to check your answers.

1. **True/False** You will always see a funnel before the tornado hits.
2. **True/False** If outside during a tornado, run to the nearest large tree and wait for it to pass.
3. **True/False** A basement or small room in the middle of a sturdy building is one of the safest places during a tornado.
4. **True/False** Tornadoes always cause massive swaths of damage.
5. **True/False** A tornado often looks like a funnel with the fat part at the top.
6. **True/False** A continuous roar, very large hail, and greenish sky are possible signs of a tornado.

Connect the dots to see the tornado.



Answers:

1. False; Tornadoes that occur at night, wrapped in rain, or cross hilly, forested areas are often hard to see.
2. False; The tree could be quickly destroyed and become a wind-blown projectile. Tall trees are also more likely to be struck by lightning.
3. True; The basement and small interior rooms are the most sheltered from tornado winds and debris.
4. False; Most tornadoes produce a narrow path of damage. They can destroy a building on one side of a road and leave a neighboring one untouched.
5. True; Tornadoes are often, but not always, shaped like a funnel with the skinny part at the bottom and fat part at the top.
6. True; The fierce winds within the tornado produce a continuous roar. Very large hail and greenish skies often occur with storms that produce tornadoes.