

**SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE
TORNADO WATCH/WARNING PROCEDURES**

A TORNADO **WATCH** IS ISSUED WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING TORNADOES.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- A. STAY INFORMED. MONITOR LOCAL RADIO, TELEVISION STATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE LATEST WEATHER ADVISORIES.**
- B. IF YOU ARE IN THE WATCH AREA, BE PREPARED TO TAKE SHELTER. FOR PROTECTION AGAINST TORNADOES, YOU SHOULD SELECT A CENTRAL HALLWAY AREA OR CENTRALLY LOCATED ROOM ON THE LOWEST LEVEL AND AWAY FROM WINDOWS, DOORWAYS, AND WIDE CEILINGS.**
- C. PRE-POSITION A SMALL EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT INSIDE YOUR SHELTER. CONSIDER SUPPLYING IT WITH A FIRST AID KIT, WEATHER RADIO, A CHANGE OF CLOTHING, BLANKETS, MATCHES, FOOD AND WATER, FLASHLIGHTS WITH EXTRA BATTERIES, IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS, EXTRA MEDICATION, LEATHER GLOVES, SHOES, TOOLS TO SHUT OFF UTILITIES, CASH, AND LOCAL MAPS.**
- D. UNLESS A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED, YOU SHOULD REMAIN ALERT FOR TERMINATION OF THE WATCH OR WATCH FOR APPROACHING SEVERE WEATHER.**

A TORNADO **WARNING** MEANS A TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AREA. A TORNADO WARNING CAN BE ISSUED AFTER A TORNADO OR FUNNEL CLOUD HAS BEEN SPOTTED BY THE PUBLIC, STORM CHASERS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR INDICATED BY RADAR. THE WARNING SHOULD INDICATE THE LOCATION OF THE TORNADO AND THE DIRECTION IT IS MOVING. THE SHEPPARD AFB ALERT WARNING IS A 3 TO 5 MINUTE STEADY TONE FROM THE GIANT VOICE SYSTEM. THIS TONE WILL BE SOUNDED WHEN A TORNADO IS WITHIN 5 NAUTICAL MILES OF SHEPPARD AFB.

TAKE IMMEDIATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- A. REMAIN INDOORS. GET INTO YOUR DESIGNATED TORNADO SHELTER.**
- B. PROTECT YOURSELF FROM BROKEN GLASS AND FLYING DEBRIS.**
- C. CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE LOCAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. STAY IN YOUR SHELTER UNTIL RELEASED BY THE WING COMMANDER. THE GIANT VOICE AND ATHOC NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS WILL BE USED TO RELEASE PEOPLE FROM SHELTERS.**

