



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Tornado Safety Message

Tornadoes are a serious threat for many areas across the country. In an average year, about 1,000 tornadoes are reported in the United States, according to NOAA. Many of these tornadoes occur in the same geographical areas each year; however, many places across the United States have the right conditions for a tornado. It is important to know about tornadoes and what to do both at home and work if there is one.

The first thing to know when it comes to tornadoes is the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A watch is when tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. A warning is when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. A warning indicates there is a tornado that is an imminent danger to life and property in that area.

Have a plan for when a tornado threat is in your area. Pick a room in your home where it is safe to go during a tornado. Areas such as basements or an interior room on the lowest floor are the best places to take shelter during a tornado.

At work, know how you will be notified by the company that tornado conditions could be in the area. Know where the tornado shelter is onsite or if the company uses one in the community. Some companies that do not have a tornado shelter onsite will send everyone home as soon as there is a tornado watch in effect. Knowing what to do and executing the emergency plan is essential to protecting yourself and those around you.

Discussion points:

-Do you have a plan at home for a tornado situation?

-What is our policy at work?