



# Severe Weather Awareness in South Texas

Spring 2017

*Take this Time to Review your Severe Weather Plans  
And be prepared when severe weather strikes!*

# Tornado Drill

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

At 10:00 AM CST

Your local National Weather Service in Corpus Christi, will conduct a Tornado Drill, so you can exercise your plans, in the event a real tornado emergency.

# MAKE SURE YOU KNOW

## *Severe Weather Safety*

*This is a checklist of five basic things you should know about severe weather safety. Knowing this information and utilizing these tips should improve your chances of being safe if severe weather threatens. Be sure that you, and your family or coworkers, are familiar with everything on this list.*

- ☐ **“Get Inside, Get Down, Cover Up”**
- ☐ **Have at Least Three Ways to Get Weather Information**
- ☐ **Ensure Wireless Emergency Alerts are Enabled on Smartphone**
- ☐ **Three Basic Things to Include in Your Severe Weather Safety Plan**
  - **Where to Shelter**
  - **How to Reach Each Other (*communication*)**
  - **Meet-up spot if You Get Separated**
- ☐ **Difference Between Watches and Warnings**



**Self-Assessment: Can you check all five boxes?**



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# When a **TORNADO WARNING** is Issued

## “Get In, Get Down, Cover Up”

### 1. Get Inside

*Get into a sturdy building and put as many walls between you and the outside as possible.*



### 2. Get Down

*Get as low in the building as possible – the basement or the lowest floor.*



### 3. Cover Up

*Flying and falling debris are a storm's number one killer. Use pillows, blankets, helmets, etc. to cover up and protect yourself.*



# HAVE THREE WAYS TO GET WEATHER INFO



*Don't just rely on one method of receiving weather info. Plan for things like power outages, poor reception, etc.*

**Battery  
powered  
radio**



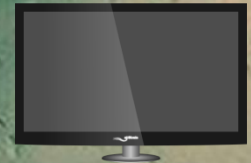
**Internet**



**Phone**



**Television**



**NOAA  
Weather  
Radio**

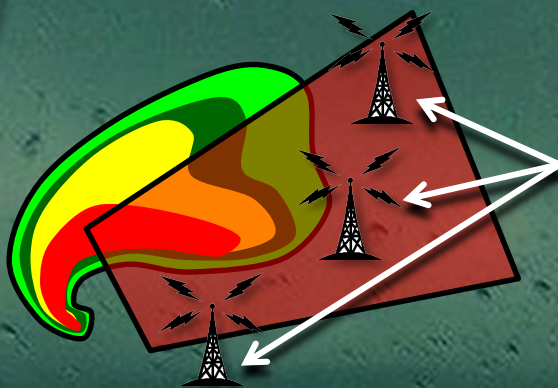




# IS YOUR PHONE WEA READY?

**WEA** is...  
**W**ireless  
**E**mergency  
**A**lert

- *Automatic, text-like message informing you of dangerous situations*
- *No charges to receive a WEA message*
- *WEA messages have a special tone and vibration*



**If you...**

- ✓ Have WEA messages enabled
- ✓ And are by a cell tower covering a Tornado Warning polygon

**You will automatically receive message telling you of a Tornado Warning.**



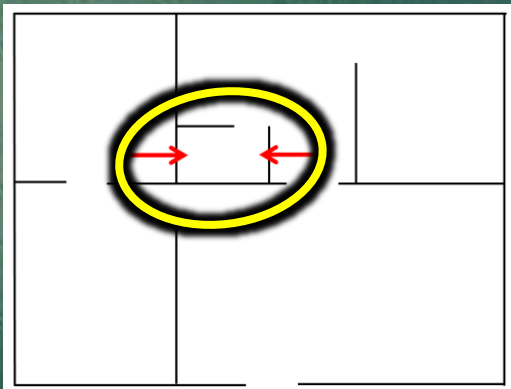
**Check to see  
if your phone is  
WEA-Capable**

**Go to...  
[www.ctia.org/wea](http://www.ctia.org/wea)**

# SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY PLAN

Three basic things everyone in your home or business should know...

## 1. Pick A Spot



*Find a safe normal sheltering location, and let everyone know that's where they should go during severe weather*

## 2. How To Get In Touch

*Everyone should know how to reach one another afterwards. In disasters, texting is often better than calling.*



## 3. Choose a "Meet Up Spot"

*It's a good idea to have a standard meet up spot that everyone knows.*



# WATCH VS. WARNING

Do YOU know the difference?

You should be...

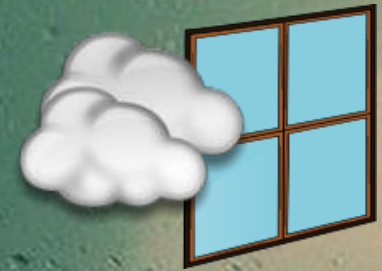
## WATCH

*Be alert. Severe storms or tornadoes MIGHT form and affect your area.*



Monitoring information

Keep an eye on the sky



## WARNING

*TAKE ACTION! A severe storm or tornado is expected in your area.*



ACT SWIFTLY. GET IN, GET DOWN, AND COVER UP.







**For More Information**  
**[www.weather.gov/crp](http://www.weather.gov/crp)**



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