



# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

## TORNADO



### Prepare NOW ....

### To ACT QUICKLY

A Tornado is a powerful column of winds spiralling around a centre of low atmospheric pressure. Ontario on average has 13 Tornadoes a year.

Also called Twisters, they often show some warning signs:

- Dark often **Greenish** sky
- A rotation in a cloud base
- Hail or Heavy Rain Followed by Calm or Intense wind shift
- Whirling Dust or Debris
- A loud continuous Roar or Rumble



### GET IN ★ GET DOWN ★ COVER UP

- GET INSIDE** - sturdy building or shelter... do not stay in your mobile home (they offer little protection)
- GET DOWN** - go to the lowest area in the building ( basement) **AWAY FROM ANY WINDOWS** or get your body as low as you can if outside (ditch).
- COVER UP** – flying debris kills, protect your head , cover with mattress, blankets, hands.

| Tornado Watch                  | Tornado Warning                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tornado is possible            | A tornado is happening is Imminent |
| Check for updates              | TAKE ACTION                        |
| Know where to take shelter     | Take Shelter Immediately           |
| Know where your 72 hour kit is | 72 Hour Kit with you               |

| EF Rating | EF-Scale (wind speed rounded to 5 km/h) | Damage       |
|-----------|---|--------------|
| 0         | 90-130 km/h                             | Light        |
| 1         | 135-175 km/h                            | Moderate     |
| 2         | 180-220 km/h                            | Considerable |
| 3         | 225-265 km/h                            | Severe       |
| 4         | 270-310 km/h                            | Devastating  |
| 5         | 315 km/h or higher                      | Incredible   |



**Act Quickly, Move Carefully, Stay Safe**