



# Is America #TornadoStrong?

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**Many people don't prepare for tornadoes in advance. By the time they get an alert on their TV or phone, it may be too late.**

Research conducted by the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) indicates that Americans could be better informed about tornado safety and better prepared when a tornado strikes. A survey of residents in tornado-prone states in the U.S. reveals how much we really know about these storms and whether **we're #TornadoStrong.**

## WAIT, TORNADO WATCH OR WARNING?

**1/2** of people mistake a tornado watch as a tornado warning



**Tornado  
Watch:  
Be Prepared!**

Tornadoes are possible in and near  
your area.



Be ready to act if a warning is issued or  
you think a tornado is approaching.

**Tornado  
Warning:  
Take Action!**

A tornado has been spotted in the area  
or picked up on radar.



Move to a safe room or interior room  
on the lowest floor of a sturdy  
building. Avoid windows.

# SEEKING SHELTER WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES



## INSIDE HOME

- Get inside a certified shelter, FEMA safe room, basement or storm cellar.
- Go to a small, interior room on the lowest level.
- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

## OUTSIDE HOME

### DO:



Get inside a sturdy building if possible.



Take cover in a low, flat area like a ditch or ravine.



In a car, get down and cover your head.

### DON'T:



Go in a shed or storage facility.



Try to outrun a tornado in a car.



Get under an overpass or bridge.

## NOT ALL SAFE PLACES ARE CREATED EQUAL

People may confuse a “safe room” with a “safe space” in their home like an interior room or closet.

### SAFE SPACE

an interior room with  
no windows or a basement

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### SAFE ROOM

a room built to withstand storms

