

# Tornado Facts And Safety Measures For Children



## Tornado Facts



Tornadoes start with a thunderstorm that forms when warm, moist air rises and mixes with cool, dry air.

Meteorologists can predict how far a tornado is by using radar signals.



Tornadoes usually last for less than 15 minutes.

The Fujita scale or the F-Scale measures the intensity of tornadoes.

Fujita Scale (F-Scale)	
F0	< 75 MPH
F1	75 to 112 MPH
F2	113 to 157 MPH
F3	158 to 206 MPH
F4	207 to 260 MPH
F5	261+ MPH

## Safety Tips



Discuss warning signs, practice tornado drills, and have an emergency kit ready before a tornado.

During a tornado, take shelter in the interior of a basement or storm cellar and wear protective headgear.



If you are in an open space, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

Avoid touching broken power lines and wear sturdy shoes during clean-up after a tornado.

