

## Disaster Plan Severe Weather Tornado

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### POLICY

The home shall have a plan in place in the event of severe weather or tornados.

### Procedure

- Severe weather watch in affect for your area;
  - Monitor the local radio station closely for possible warnings and make regular observations of the weather developments. Be prepared for further action in case a warning is issued.
  - In the event of high winds, close all windows to prevent flying debris from entering the building.
  - Outdoor furniture must be secured to prevent high winds from making them into a debris hazard
  - If severe weather is forecasted, all outdoor activities shall be cancelled and residents should be brought back into the building.
- When tornado watch is in effect for your area
  - Close all windows
  - Secure all loose objects, outdoor furniture outside to minimize flying debris.
  - Keep residents away from windows.
  - If tornado is imminent take residents out of their bedrooms and place them in the hallways. Then close all the bedroom doors. This is the ideal area in case flying debris breaks through the bedroom windows.
  - All staff shall stay with residents while in the hallways to keep them calm and reassured.
  - It must be understood that the hallway walls are load bearing structural walls similar to the perimeter walls of the building which is cement block construction. The ceiling and roof member is also constructed of cement panels able to withstand high winds and severe storms.
  - Supervisory staff must keep everyone calm and continue to listen to the news broadcast for further development of the storm, when it may subside.

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