

Office of Emergency Management

BE PREPARED

SHELTER IN PLACE

Taking shelter is critical in times of disaster. Before disaster strikes, take some time to identify safe locations. Think about safe places at home, work and some other locations you frequent. For example if you spend a lot of time at the park, make sure you know where the safe spot is.

Here are some tips for sheltering in place for some weather emergencies you might face in Southlake.

TORNADO

- If you're outside and you hear the outdoor warning sirens going off, time to head inside and take cover.
- Go to your pre-designated shelter area, aim for the lowest level in the building.
- If you're on one floor, go to the center of the building, like a closet or interior hallway. Stay away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls.
- Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use pillows, blankets or other "cushions" to protect your head and neck. As a last resort, use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local alerting systems for emergency information and instructions. Stay put until you get an all clear.

THUNDERSTORMS & LIGHTNING

- When the thunder roars, go indoors!
- Pay attention to alerts and warnings.
- Stay away from windows that lead outside.
- Stand away from concrete walls, and avoid lying on concrete floors.
- Close doors and windows to the outside to prevent wind damage and injuries.
- Do not use landline phones and avoid running water. Electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.
- Watch for fallen power lines and trees. Report them immediately.

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