

# Oklahoma Baptist University

## Tornado Emergency Plan

**It is important that students, faculty and staff understand the difference between a watch and a warning.**

- A **TORNADO WATCH** means that conditions are conducive to the development of the type of storm in question (tornado, thunderstorm, severe weather, etc.)
- A **TORNADO WARNING** indicates that a tornado has been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning areas. (See [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) for more details.)

The OBU Police Department and other campus personnel monitor conditions carefully to be prepared for severe weather. The University Police Department and all campus RA desks are equipped with weather radios which provide alerts for watches and warnings in the area. In the event of a tornado warning during business hours the University will alert the campus community regarding the warning.

The University Police Department also monitors the local Law Enforcement frequencies, Shawnee Emergency Management, and local news stations. The University Police Department will relay information to Residence Directors and appropriate OBU personnel who will notify students when there is an ALL CLEAR signal.

**The buildings listed below have basements that are used for shelter during severe weather and/or tornado warnings:**

Thurmond Hall

Shawnee Hall

Raley Chapel

Mabee Learning Center

Agee Residence Center

Kerr Dormitory

WMU Dormitory

In the event of threatening weather, while in housing, students will be notified by the Residential Life Staff who will direct all students to take cover any time there is a tornado warning in the vicinity. (You may also hear the facilities alarm system and/or the Shawnee Tornado Siren.) DO NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING unless instructed to do so by university administration or Residential Life Staff. Move immediately into the designated areas of your residence hall indicated below. During severe weather, you should not be near any outside windows or doors if possible. The locations listed for these facilities are considered to be the safest location for that building. Please remain in these locations until you are given the ALL CLEAR signal;

**RESIDENCE HALL**

**DESIGNATED AREA**

ARC:	First Floor Lobby
East Devereaux:	Closet, Bathroom or Hallway
HRCA:	Closet or underneath your stairs
HRCD:	First Floor Hallways
Kerr:	First Floor
Midland Apts.:	Downstairs Bathroom/Hallway
MacArthur Apts.:	Downstairs Bathroom/Hallway
TRC:	First Floor Hallway
WMU:	First Floor
WUA:	Downstairs Bathroom/Hallway
Married Housing:	Downstairs/Center Apartment

**If possible and safe to do so, residents of East Dev, HRCA, HRCD, MacArthur Apts, TRC, WUA, Midland Apts, and Married Housing (West DEV, Cobbs and Burns) should go to the basement of Raley Chapel for shelter.**

**Residents of ARC, Kerr, and WMU should remain in the basements of their buildings for shelter.**

**It is recommended you take a pillow or blanket with you in the event of a tornado siren; these items should be used to cover your head from potential flying debris.**

## **Residential Life Staff**

Michael Burns	Director of Residential Life and Student Activities
Rhonda Jones	Director of Kerr/Howard/East Devereaux/Midland
Jeremy Fisher	Men's Housing
Holly Hays	WMU Dormitory
Rebecca George	Taylor and West University Apartments

**Residential Life Staff will have a designee assigned, in their absence, to direct the students to shelter.**

**If there is a tornado warning while students are in class, and immediate cover is necessary, move immediately into the safest area of the building (lowest level of building, closet, or under stairs). During severe weather, you should not be near any outside windows or doors. If possible and safe to do so, faculty and staff should direct students to a building with a basement for shelter.**

## **STORM SHELTERS**

**It is the practice of the University to make the basement areas of Raley Chapel, Shawnee Hall, and Thurmond Hall available to the public during times of potentially bad weather.**

**At any time that the National Weather Service places the Shawnee area under a Tornado Warning, Police or Security Officers will open the following:**

- The North and South exterior doors of Raley Chapel.
- All doors of Yarborough, Doors 136, 138, 139 and 140 as needed.
- All exterior doors of Shawnee Hall.
- The South, Northwest, and Southwest exterior doors of Thurmond Hall.
- The Northwest and Southwest air trap doors on the first floor of Thurmond Hall.

Police and/or Security officers will direct any members of the public seeking shelter to these areas.

Officers will notify Police Dispatch when the above areas have been opened for shelter purposes.

## **CAMPUS SAFETY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

If a decision is made to activate the Campus Safety Emergency Response Team each member will respond as soon as possible. The primary location for each team member to respond will be the basement of Thurmond Hall. The secondary location will be Shawnee Hall.

### **Campus Safety Emergency Response Team Members**

Randy Smith, Executive V.P. for Business and Administrative Services

Brandon Skaggs, Dean of Students

Marty O'Gwynn, Assistant to the President

Larry Walker, Director of Campus Services

Gary Nickerson, Asst. V.P. for Bus. Affairs/Info. Systems & Services

Robert Cash, Director of Facilities Management

David Shannon, Chief of University Police

Michael Burns, Director of Residential Life and Student Activities

## OBU Tornado Shelters

<b>Building</b>	<b>Tornado Shelter</b>
Shawnee Hall	First Floor hallway and rooms without windows
Thurmond Hall	Basement, First Floor hallways.
W.P. Wood Science Building	First Floor, South hallway and TH basement and First Floor
Art Building	First Floor center of building
Art Annex	First Floor center of building
Ford Music Hall	FMH Basement
Bailey Business Center	BBC Center of building
Montgomery Hall	MH Center of building
WMU Residence Hall	WMU First Floor
Owens Hall	Lower level MLC
Mabee Learning Center	Lower level of building
President's Home	Basement of Residence
Sarkeys Telecommunication Center	Lower level or MLC
Geiger Center	Raley Chapel
Kerr Residence Hall	First Floor
Stubblefield Chapel	Raley Chapel
Midland Apartments	Raley Chapel
University Police	Thurmond Hall
Burns/Cobbs Apartments	Raley Chapel
East Devereaux Apartments	Raley Chapel
West Devereaux Apartments	Raley Chapel
Howard Residence Complex	Raley Chapel
Raley Chapel	Lowest Level
Jent Alumni Center	Lowest Level or First Floor in ARC
Taylor Residence Center	Raley Chapel

<b>Building</b>	<b>Tornado Shelter</b>
Millennium Park	Raley Chapel
Faculty/Staff Housing	Raley Chapel
Soccer Complex	Raley Chapel
Coates Baseball/Softball Facility	Raley Chapel
MacArthur Apartments	Raley Chapel
Agee Residence Center	First Floor of ARC
Noble Complex	Locker Rooms
West University Apartments	Raley Chapel
Tennis Courts	Raley Chapel
Recreation and Wellness Center	Raley Chapel
Intramural Fields	Raley Chapel
Track Complex	Raley Chapel
Softball Field	Raley Chapel
Facilities Management	Raley Chapel