

Tornado Drill Procedures

Emergency evacuations of day care centers during tornadoes can be traumatic for children. Advanced planning becomes especially critical to childrens' well-being. Rules for tornado drills require detailed plans that are practiced before a funnel cloud is ever spotted. Mock tornado evacuations help keep children and staff calm and focused in the event of a true emergency.

When a tornado warning is issued for your area, the following procedures should be followed:

- Move away from windows and glass doorways
- Go to the innermost part of the building on the lowest possible floor
- Assist children with special needs
- Move away from materials and furniture that could fall on you
- Account for all of the children and staff members by taking attendance
- Use the head tuck position to protect from flying objects
- If an evacuation crib is used, cover children with a blanket to protect from flying objects
- Talk with children and offer reassurance
- Send a note home to all parents describing the incident

Head Tuck Position

