NOAA Tornado Post-Event Survey
Special Call: Tornado Ready Quick Response Research

The following survey must be used for data collection as part of the Natural Hazards Center’s Special Call for Tornado Ready Quick Response Research. Data that is collected with this NOAA survey instrument must be published and made publicly available on the National Science Foundation-supported DesignSafe Cyberinfrastructure.

More information about this instrument and the special call for proposals is available at: https://hazards.colorado.edu/research/weather-ready-research-tornado-ready.

Where were you when the tornado touched down?

☐ At home
☐ At work
☐ At school
☐ At a business (such as a store or restaurant)
☐ In a vehicle (such as a car, truck, or bus)
☐ Somewhere else (please specify, VERBATIM)
☐ I don’t recall

(If at home) Which of the following categories best describes your current primary residence?

☐ Stand-alone (detached) permanent structure such as a house
☐ Condominium, town-house, or duplex that is attached to another structure
☐ Apartment or dormitory room that is part of a larger residential complex
☐ Mobile home (whether placed on a permanent foundation or not)
☐ Boat, boathouse, ship, dock, or other floating structure
☐ Other type (please specify, VERBATIM)

(If at a business) Which of the following categories best describes the business?

☐ Single-story building
☐ Multi-story building
☐ Big box store, e.g., Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart
☐ Shopping mall
☐ Other type (please specify, VERBATIM)
(If at work) Which of the following categories best describes your work setting?

- Single-story building
- Multi-story building
- Big box store, e.g., Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart
- Shopping mall
- Industrial or construction setting
- Other type (please specify, VERBATIM)

How safe did you feel in this structure when the event occurred?

- Not at all safe
- Only slightly safe
- Somewhat safe
- Moderately safe
- Very safe

A Tornado Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when a tornado is imminent.

Did you receive a tornado warning for your area?

- Yes
- No

How did you learn about the tornado warning? Please select all that apply.

- Broadcast radio
- Weather radio (National Weather Service radio)
- Television
- Siren or other alarm
- Internet
- Social media such as Twitter or Facebook
- Word-of-mouth (including telephone or text messages, email, etc.) from family, friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, etc.
- Automated text or phone notification
- Other source (please specify, [VERBATIM])
- I don’t recall

When you received the tornado warning, how confident were you that you could take action to protect yourself?

- Not at all confident
- Only slightly confident
- Somewhat confident
- Moderately confident
- Very confident
- I don’t recall
When you received the tornado warning, did you need to seek additional information on actions you could take to stay safe?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Unsure

What did you do when you got the tornado warning? Please select all that apply.

- [ ] Nothing; continued my daily activities
- [ ] Monitored the situation, but did not move to shelter
- [ ] Moved to the most sheltered part of the building, but did not leave the building
- [ ] Moved family or friends to the most sheltered part of the building, but did not leave the building
- [ ] Moved to a specially constructed storm shelter in the building
- [ ] Moved to a nearby location or building that provided safer shelter
- [ ] Left the building and drove away from the tornado warning area
- [ ] Something else (please specify, VERBATIM)
- [ ] I don’t recall

A Tornado Watch is issued by the National Weather Service when tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Did you receive a tornado watch for your area?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] I don’t recall

How did you learn about the tornado watch? Please select all that apply.

- [ ] Broadcast radio
- [ ] Weather radio (National Weather Service radio)
- [ ] Television
- [ ] Siren or other alarm
- [ ] Internet
- [ ] Social media such as Twitter or Facebook
- [ ] Word-of-mouth (including telephone or text messages, email, etc.) from family, friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, etc.
- [ ] Automated text or phone notification
- [ ] Other source (please specify, [VERBATIM])
- [ ] I don’t recall
What did you do when you got the tornado watch? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Checked emergency supplies
- ☐ Bought emergency supplies
- ☐ Made sure NOAA radio was on and charged/plugged in
- ☐ Had local TV news/weather on
- ☐ Had local radio news/weather on
- ☐ Checked my weather app on my phone frequently (NOAA weather radar, etc.)
- ☐ Called friends and family nearby to warn them
- ☐ Sought information on tornado safety
- ☐ Something else (please specify, VERBATIM)
- ☐ I don’t recall

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other/prefer not to answer

What is your age?

- ☐ ________________
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

What other information would you like us to know about this event? This can be anything you want to share about your experience with this tornado. [VERBATIM]