

## Safety GUURU - Weather/Phenomena

The Safety GUURU Team will maintain an awareness of concerning weather and other phenomena so that others attending church services may be assured that appropriate action will be taken while they are focused on the services.

- Phenomena of concern:
  - Tornado (to take cover)
  - Severe Thunderstorm (to take cover)
  - Winter Storm (awareness)
  - Ice and Freezing Rain (awareness)
  - Earthquake (to evacuate, as with fire)
  - Civil Defense Incident (investigate further...)
- Monitoring
  - Weather apps, such as:
    - ◆ Storm Shield
      - ◆ weather radio equivalent
      - ◆ radar
      - ◆ display of weather alert geography
    - ◆ these often cover some civil defense alerts
      - ◆ Nuclear power plant incidents
    - ◆ ...?
  - University and Municipal Emergency Services
    - ◆ ...?
  - Media
    - ◆ Emergency Broadcast System
    - ◆ TV: WCIA
    - ◆ Radio: ...?
- Tornado/Thunderstorm Preparedness/Response
  - Tornado/Thunderstorm WATCH
    - ◆ Determination to promote awareness
      - ◆ NWS Tornado Watch w/storms or warnings near
      - ◆ NWS Thunderstorm Watch w/storms or warnings near
    - ◆ Leader to facilitate tornado awareness
      - ◆ Reminder of Safety GUURU Team role
        - ◆ monitor weather alerts
        - ◆ determination to take cover (warning)
        - ◆ guiding the orderly assembly under cover
      - ◆ Reminders of areas of assembly
        - ◆ hallway between classrooms
        - ◆ OWL classroom and surrounding hallway

- ◆ mobility needs
    - ◆ close classroom doors to keep glass from getting into the hall
  - ◆ Reminder that safety and orderly assembly is important when taking cover
  - ◆ Ask those able-to-help to raise hands
    - ◆ Safety GUURU Team ID helpers
- ◆ Safety GUURU Team assignments — taking a “Response-Ready Posture”
  - ◆ one monitoring alerts, updates, all-clear
  - ◆ one upstairs coordinator
  - ◆ one in each hallway
  - ◆ one at top of each stairwell
  - ◆ one or more to coordinate mobility issues
  - ◆ one to check playground and outside
  - ◆ recruit helpers as needed
  - ◆ more vigilant monitoring
  - ◆ locate flashlights and weather radios
  - ◆ walkie-talkie assignments
    - ◆ 2 hall monitors
      - ◆ is there space for more people
      - ◆ any injuries or concerns
      - ◆ help locate people
    - ◆ 1 upstairs coordinator
      - ◆ direct people to available space
      - ◆ coordinate first aid as needed
    - ◆ 1 monitoring alerts and conditions
      - ◆ communicate updates or all-clear
      - ◆ call 911 as needed
  - ◆ Updates about approaching storms and alerts
- Tornado/Thunderstorm WARNING
  - ◆ Determination to assemble under cover
    - ◆ NWS Tornado Warning for Urbana
    - ◆ University/Municipal tornado sitings
    - ◆ Media Meteorologist advice
    - ◆ Observed violent weather
    - ◆ Thunderstorms:
      - ◆ high wind, hail, blowing debris
  - ◆ Orderly assembly to take cover
    - ◆ down main stairs into the east classroom hallway, including bathrooms, as needed
    - ◆ down bell tower stairs into OWL classroom and hallway
    - ◆ down the far fellowship hall stairs as needed to expedite a larger crowd

- ◆ mobility issues
  - ◆ assist down the stairs; recruit 2 helpers for each in need of help
  - ◆ some may need to shelter in east hall outside sanctuary
  - ◆ avoid use of elevator in case of power outage
- ◆ assigned GUURUs taking stations
  - ◆ encouraging calm and orderly assembly to maintain safety
  - ◆ instructing people to keep the classroom doors and other doors closed - check for people in the rooms
  - ◆ Look for anxious people and provide assurance and ways to refocus attention
    - ◆ ask to provide assistance
    - ◆ ask to comfort children
    - ◆ ask to close doors and check rooms
    - ◆ ask to locate people
    - ◆ etc...
  - ◆ stay alert for any injuries
    - ◆ first aid as needed
    - ◆ 911 as needed
- ◆ Monitoring for all-clear or further developments
  - ◆ keep those under cover informed
- Phenomena Warranting Awareness
  - e.g. Ice, Freezing Rain, and Winter Storms
  - NWS Watches & Warnings combined with nearby weather
  - Worsening road conditions
  - Notable Cancellations
    - ◆ University events and classes
    - ◆ ...
  - some may depart; some may shelter-in-place