



NASA Emergency Management Tornado Preparedness



Tornado Preparedness at SSC



How Will I Get Notified Of A Tornado At Stennis?

- If a Tornado Warning is issued by the National Weather Service for Stennis Space Center (SSC), you will be notified by the following methods
 - The SSC Outdoor Weather Warning System will send out a tone and message through the outdoor speakers
<https://ssccommunity.ssc.nasa.gov/ONS/index.asp>
 - System will also send out an email to your work email address
 - If you have downloaded and installed the SSC Site Status App on your mobile device you will get a push notification as well

Additionally, you may visit this website (<https://ssccommunity.ssc.nasa.gov/ONS/index.asp>) or click on the “Outdoor Notifications” tab in the Site Status App to listen to the tones and message annunciations.

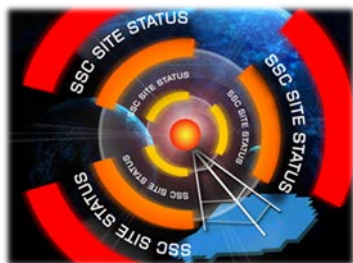


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How Do I Download The SSC Site Status App?

- To download the SSC Site Status App follow the following links from your mobile device:
 - Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.nasa.ssc.SiteStatus&hl=en>
 - Apple App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ssc-site-status/id706044417?mt=8>



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What Should I Do At SSC If I Am Notified Of A Tornado Warning?

If you are:	Then:
In a sturdy building or structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Go to the lowest level of the building when the warning sounds❖ Take cover in an internal hallway, closet or small room, away from windows❖ Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table if available and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
In a mobile work trailer or office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Get out immediately and go to a pre-identified location such as the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.
Outside with no shelter	<p>If you are not in a sturdy building, there is no single research-based recommendation for what last-resort action to take because many factors can affect your decision. Possible actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest SSC building to seek shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.❖ Take cover in a stationary vehicle. Put the seat belt on and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible.❖ Lie in an area noticeably lower than the level of the roadway and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible. <p>Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances</p>

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How Will I Know When The Emergency Has Ended?

- After an all clear is issued:
 - The SSC Outdoor Weather Warning System will send out an emergency all clear message through the outdoor speakers as well as the email and push notification to the SSC Site Status App <https://ssccommunity.ssc.nasa.gov/ONS/index.asp>
 - You are to resume normal activities

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Are There Any Additional Preparedness Measure Being Taken?

- Periodic Testing of the system is conducted
 - Testing was last conducted on Saturday March 17th. Whenever a site wide test is conducted, a site wide email notification will be sent out prior to the test date
- Site Wide Tornado Drill
 - Site wide drill scheduled for April 10th starting at 10:00 am
 - Employees are to react to the exercise tornado notifications as if it is an actual tornado
- Facility posters for personnel awareness
 - Site wide awareness posters for each SSC occupied building are posted by facility managers at main entrances to buildings

To prepare your family and home, visit <https://www.ready.gov> and click on the navigation link to look for more Information on tornado preparedness

