



How will I receive notice of an upcoming tornado drill?

Emergency Management utilizes Campus Announcements to announce the drill. Wausau and Marshfield campuses may receive additional information from their campus administration.

What if there is severe weather forecasted for the day of the drill?

The drill will take place even if the sky is cloudy, dark or rainy. If actual severe storms are expected in the county the day of the drill, the tornado drill will be postponed or cancelled.

What occurs on campus during a tornado drill?

- (Stevens Point campus) University Police will sound a tornado warning announcement in all buildings equipped with voice-capable speakers.
- (Wausau campus) A recorded announcement will sound in the main building and field house.
- (All campuses) The tornado warning test message will broadcast via the [Pointer Alerts](#) system delivering the message to cell phones, campus computers, Residential Hall and DeBot public address (Stevens Point campus only), email, and the campus webpage (RSS feed).
- Outdoor county sirens will sound in Portage and Wood counties.

How do I know where the nearest storm shelter is located?

Building floor maps and severe shelter signs have been installed in campus buildings to assist you. Building floor maps are also available online at [floor-plans - Emergency Management | UWSP](#).

What is expected of faculty and department heads in preparation for a tornado drill?

Prior to a tornado drill, review preparedness materials sent out via campus announcement/Message of the Day. See also the [Tornado/Severe Weather](#) emergency procedure.

Faculty members and department supervisors shall make an announcement to their class or employee group regarding tornado safety, discuss the location of the appropriate shelter for their building(s), and review the proper path from their classroom or work area to the nearest shelter location.

What direction should staff and faculty give to students during a tornado drill?

When a **tornado WARNING drill** is activated, UW-Stevens Point staff shall go to their designated shelter location until test alarms are deactivated (about five minutes total) then return to normal work. Where practical, academic classes are strongly encouraged to perform an actual drill by moving to the appropriate shelter for the duration of the test. Students in residence halls should use this as an opportunity to practice and go to a designated shelter.

In the event of an actual tornado warning, all individuals shall proceed and remain in the shelter areas until the warning has expired.

Where can I find the campus severe weather procedure?

The severe weather procedure is found on the Emergency Management website under [Severe Weather - Emergency Management | UWSP](#).

How can faculty/staff and students sign up for Pointer Alerts text messages?

If you are a student, [click here](#) for instructions how to enter/update your primary cell phone information.

If you are faculty or staff, [click here](#) for instructions how to enter/update your primary cell phone information.

UWSP Emergency Management is available to assist with emergency preparedness training or any other questions, call ext.4464 or email cneeb@uwsp.edu.