

# Tornadoes Are Serial Killers

In 2010, 42 tornadoes occurred in MS, an average year has 28. There were 13 fatalities statewide and 186 injuries. This was the most active year for fatalities since 1992. Tornado damage estimates for the year are near \$400 million dollars. **Please take your safety seriously.**

*\*Most recent figures available from the National Weather Service.*

## TORNADO WATCH

### WHAT IT MEANS

Weather conditions are favorable for the formation of a tornado.

### HOW YOU'LL KNOW

RebAlert text message sent by university.

### WHAT TO DO

- Move inside a building.
- Monitor weather conditions to determine if the watch has been elevated to a warning.

## TORNADO WARNING

### WHAT IT MEANS

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar in the warning area.

### HOW YOU'LL KNOW

**Sirens will sound. You will hear a blast, followed by a short period of silence.** This cycle will repeat for the duration of the warning.

### WHAT TO DO

- Find shelter immediately, preferably on the lower floor of a building or in the basement.
- Stay away from windows, and keep hallways clear.
- When a tornado approaches, assume a kneeling position facing the wall with your head down.

### WHEN IT'S SAFE

**When the sirens have been silent for at least 5 minutes**, the current tornado warning is over. Please monitor National Weather Service alerts to know when all warnings are over and it is safe.

### IF THERE IS TORNADO DAMAGE

- Stay out of the disaster area.
- Do NOT use telephones except in life-threatening emergencies. Excessive use may block emergency communications that rely on cell phone use.