

Emergency Abnormal Conditions

High Winds or Tornado. In the event of high winds or tornado related weather conditions, the following general safety procedures are recommended. These recommendations and may not apply to all UTSI buildings.

- a. Avoid upper floors and especially the top floor of a multi-story building whenever possible. The upper floors receive the full force of the winds.
- b. Spaces in basement area are better than locations on any other floor.
- c. Seek out interior spaces that form a part of a protected interior core.
- d. Avoid rooms with exterior walls, especially those facing south and west. Rooms facing north usually receive the least damage of all exterior rooms.
- e. A room that is completely interior protects against flying debris.
- f. Avoid interior partitions that contain glass and rooms with windows.
- g. Avoid rooms with wide roofs that could collapse easily, such as a gym, cafeteria, or auditorium.
- h. If you are outside and you cannot get inside, crouch for protection beside a strong structure, or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area and cover your head and neck with your arms or a piece of clothing.