



HIGH WINDS OR TORNADO

UTSI Faculty, Staff, & Students

In high winds or tornado weather conditions, use the following safety procedures (these are **general recommendations and may not apply to all UTSI buildings**):

- Avoid upper floors whenever possible. The upper floors receive the full force of the winds.
- Spaces in basement areas are better than locations on any other floor.
- Seek interior spaces that form a part of a protected interior core.
- Avoid rooms with exterior walls, especially walls face the south and west. Rooms facing north usually receive the least damage of all exterior walls.
- A room that is completely interior protects against flying debris.
- Avoid interior partitions that contain glass and rooms with windows.
- Avoid rooms with wide roofs that could collapse easily, such as a gym, cafeteria, or auditorium.
- If you are outside and 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.

Recommended UTSI Campus Shelters:

- Main Academic Buildings: Lower level stairwells and Restrooms
STAY AWAY FROM MAIN HALLWAY AND LOBBY!
- Dorms/Student Center: Lower level rooms and hallway/ Lower level recreation room
STAY AWAY FROM LOBBY AND CAFETERIA MAIN FLOOR
- Propulsion Research Facility: Control Building