

Plan for Tornado Warning

1. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been reported or indicated on radar. After receipt of the tornado warning that includes Jackson County, take immediate action to move the residents into a safe location. A warning for Jackson County means that a tornado has actually been sighted in Jackson County and may be near the facility. Time is of the essence as most tornadoes last less than 20 minutes.
2. Close all curtains in resident rooms and move residents to the interior hall corridor. Once the warning has expired, residents may be returned to their rooms.
3. Bedridden residents need to have their bed moved as close to an inner wall as possible. The privacy curtain should be pulled around the resident. Cover the resident with extra blankets, position them in bed so they are facing the inner wall of the room.
4. Know where the flashlights are and be prepared for the electricity to go off. The generator will automatically come on for emergency power. Always check specialty beds to be sure that they stay inflated if there is a power outage. Oxygen tanks are available in the supply closet in the back hallway for those residents requiring oxygen.