

# Tornados



## After a Tornado Has Passed

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Tornados usually come and go very quickly – in as little as a few minutes. The devastation they leave in their wake depends on the location, population density and cyclone size. In the immediate aftermath of a tornado, it is important to quickly and calmly assess the situation.

First check for injuries and do not attempt to move a seriously injured person unless he or she is in immediate physical danger. Once everyone's health and safety are accounted for, it is important to check your surroundings for potential dangers.



### General Precautions:

- **Follow your evacuation plan.**
- **Clean spilled materials.** Immediately clean any spilled medicine, drugs, or potentially harmful materials.
- **Reserve mobile phone use for emergency calls only.**
- **Listen to the radio and TV for updates from local authorities.**

### Food Precautions:

- **Plan meals.** If the power is off, plan meals by first using foods that spoil quickly.
- **Watch for shattered glass.**
- **Use outdoor charcoal broilers for emergency cooking.**

### Utility Precautions:

- **Inspect utility lines.** Check gas, electric and water lines. If you smell gas or see a break in the line, shut off the main valve immediately.
- **Do not operate electrical switches or appliances.**
- **Report all damages to your utility company.**

For more information about preparing for a tornado, please visit [www.libertymutual.com/prepare](http://www.libertymutual.com/prepare).

