

# Severe Weather / Tornadoes

- A. A severe weather alert occurs when the National Weather Service issues a severe thunderstorm warning, a tornado watch, or tornado warning.
- B. **WESSON CAMPUS** - A distinct warning alert will be sounded. All classes on upper level floors are expected to move to lower level immediately. If the warning system is disabled, signal will be by campus police siren, text message and word of mouth.
- C. **NATCHEZ CAMPUS** - A long continuous ring on the alarm system will be sounded. If the alarm system is disabled, signal will be by text message or word of mouth.
- D. **SIMPSON COUNTY CENTER** - The code for severe weather/tornadoes is Code Green, Code Green, Code Green. The signal will be broadcast over the campus intercom.
- E. Evacuation routes are posted in each room of each building and must be shared with each class using the room.

**TORNADOES:** Watch - Means a tornado is possible.

Warning - Means a tornado has been sighted.

**Sirens - Take shelter.**

1. Go immediately to the inner hallways / rooms away from windows and exterior doors. Always go to the lower level of a multi-story building if possible.
2. Stay low, facing the wall with head covered.
3. Do not leave the building, as you will have less than five minutes to find shelter.
4. If you are outside, take cover.
5. Remain in the shelter area until the “all clear” is sounded.

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