

*Two safety rules that could save your life:*

1. Receive warnings from the National Weather Service. Don't just depend on sirens. Have more than one way to receive warning like a cell/smart phone or weather radio.

Sirens are used to warn those who are outdoors, and may not be loud enough to wake someone in the middle of the night. NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio is like a smoke detector that will produce a loud sound when a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service in the area.

2. Know what to do. The safest place to survive killer tornadoes is in approved storm shelters. The next safest is an interior room on the lowest floor of a building. Cover up with blankets, pillows and/or mattresses.

Abandon a mobile home. If there is no shelter available, lie flat in a nearby ditch covering the head and neck.

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office, Perkins County E-911/Communications Center and Perkins County Emergency Management Agency has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System—an ultra high-speed telephone service for emergency notifications.

Examples: Drinking water contamination, utility outage, evacuation notice and route, missing person, fires or floods, bomb threat, hostage situation, chemical spill or gas leak.