

# **Evergreen Independent Living Severe Weather Procedure**

## **Weather Alert (Tornado Watch)**

When the national weather Service detects an area where conditions are right for a tornado, it issues a tornado watch. At Evergreen we announce this as a Weather Alert. Although a tornado can strike without warning, normally several hours elapse between an ALERT and the time the storm reaches the area. Please follow these procedures during an ALERT.

1. Be prepared to go to the nearest designated Shelter Area if a WARNING is announced.
  - a. See Tornado Warning Section for list of Shelter Areas
2. Have your Weather Alert Radio on or keep tuned to a local radio or T.V. station.
3. Have blankets, flashlights or Evergreen issued lantern's ready for use.
4. Close all windows/drapes/blinds in your unit/department and remove items on window sills that could become airborne. Make sure to lock windows.
5. Stay away from windows as much as possible.
6. Put sharp objects and glass items in a safe place where they cannot be dangerous in case of high winds

## **Tornado Warning**

This means a Tornado has been sighted in the area and you need to go to the nearest Shelter Area Immediately!

Shelter Areas Are Located:

- **Manor Building** – Lower Level spaces such as lowest section of stairwells, restrooms, Behnke Center or any interior room with no windows.
- **Courtyard Apartments** – Lower Level spaces such as lowest section of stairwells, underground parking and storage areas in. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Storage spaces or Public restrooms or any interior room with no windows.
- **Evergreen Homes** – A Shelter area in the Manor Building or an interior space away from windows in your home.
- **Evergreen Village** - A Shelter area in the Manor Building or an interior space away from windows in your home.