

## Weather Emergencies

### ***Tornados and Thunderstorms***

All students and personnel are urged to register with the Mayville State University emergency notification system for fast notifications of all emergencies.

- A **tornado watch** means that tornadoes could develop in the designated area;
- A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has actually been sighted in the area or is indicated by radar.
- A **severe thunderstorm watch** indicates the possibility of thunderstorms, frequent lightning and/or damaging winds, hail, and heavy rain.
- A **severe thunderstorm warning** means that a severe thunderstorm has actually been sighted in the area or is indicated by radar.

**If warnings are issued, or if threatening weather approaches, seek shelter immediately.**

If you are outdoors:

- Seek inside shelter immediately;
- Do not try to outrun tornadoes in vehicles, but leave them and seek indoor shelter or low spots off the side of roads;

Once you are in a building:

- Move to a safe area, such as a basement;
- If underground shelters are not available, move to interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floors and get under sturdy pieces of furniture; and
- Stay away from windows.

### ***Winter Storms***

- A **winter storm warning** means severe winter weather is imminent or very likely within 12 hours.
- A **winter storm watch** means at least four inches of snow in 12 hours, or six inches in 24 hours, or significant ice accumulations are possible within 24-48 hours.
- A **winter weather advisory** means cold, ice, and snow are expected to cause significant inconvenience and may be hazardous, but probably not life threatening.

When it becomes necessary to make announcements about the status of classes and other University functions due to winter storms or other related situations we will use these area media sources:

KVLY - TV	KMAV Radio - 105.5 FM
WDAY - TV	KFGO Radio - 790 AM
WDAZ - TV	KKXL Radio - 930 FM
KXJB - TV	
KVRR - TV	

**We will also use our Emergency Notification System to make any such announcements.**

## MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

If you are a commuting student, faculty or staff member we would encourage you to call the university (1-800-437-4104 (toll-free) if you have not heard weather announcements and are questioning the condition of roads and travel conditions. In all situations we would encourage that you use your best judgment if you must travel in questionable weather and road conditions. You may also call the North Dakota Dept. of Transportation phone line at 511 or 1-866-696-3511 for road conditions and weather information.

If you decide that it is best for you not to travel from out of town to classes, we would suggest that you use e-mail or leave voice mail for your instructors.