



# IT'S TORNADO SEASON, ARE YOUR POLICYHOLDERS READY?

## HELP KEEP YOUR POLICYHOLDERS, AND THEIR HOMES, SAFE.

Tornadoes mostly occur during spring and summer. On average, 1,000 tornadoes touch down in the US each year. They are dangerous and unpredictable and can cause significant damage to your policyholders' home.



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## TORNADO PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR YOUR POLICYHOLDERS:

- 1. Inspect and Reinforce Roof:** Inspect the roof to make sure it is sealed tight. Consider reinforcing the roof with hurricane clips. These clips can help prevent the roof from lifting off of the home.
- 2. Trim trees, branches, and bushes around the home to help minimize debris damage.**
- 3. Know How to Turn Off Utilities:** Locate the home's gas and water shut-off valve. If damage occurs, know how to shut these valves off to prevent further loss.
- 4. Secure Large Furniture and Appliances:** Anchor down large pieces of furniture to the wall and/or floor with zip ties or furniture straps.
- 5. Create and practice an emergency plan:**
  - **Establish an emergency shelter zone.**
    - **1<sup>st</sup> choice:** A secure place underground like the basement or cellar.
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> choice:** A small room without windows such as a closet on the lowest level of the home.
  - **Create a tornado emergency kit, including:**
    - First aid supplies
    - Water and non-perishable food items
    - Matches/candles/flashlights
    - Extra Batteries
    - A change of clothes, shoes, and a coat



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