



Severe Weather Season! As we enter the severe weather season for Alabama, the Campus Police would like to remind everyone of a few basic safety procedures.

On Campus, know where the pre-designated safe area is in your building for “Tornado Warnings.” Those areas are posted in each building throughout the campus.

Off Campus, or not sure where to go on campus, experts recommend going to a small room on the lowest floor of the building you are in (Away from windows). Anytime you hear the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency early warning system (Tornado Siren) activated for an actual warning; you should proceed to a safe location immediately.

Please note that the EMA sirens are activated on the first Wednesday of each month, except during severe weather, for the purpose of testing the system.

Please remember the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning:

TORNADO WATCH

A tornado watch means that conditions are favorable for producing a particular weather event, but that it has not formed yet. Watches alert the public that they need to pay closer attention than usual to the weather, just to be safe. A tornado watch is issued when atmospheric conditions could cause tornadoes to form, although none have formed yet.

TORNADO WARNING

A tornado warning means that a particular weather event has formed and that it threatens the area under the warning. A tornado warning means that a tornado is actually present and moving in the warn vicinity. Residents should take immediate shelter in a tornado warning

For more information follow this link: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/tornado> to the Red Cross section on tornados or call your Birmingham-Southern Campus Police Department at 205-226-4700.