

Severe Weather Information

During the spring and summer months, conditions that create severe weather such as thunderstorms, lightning strikes and tornadoes may develop at any time. In our region of the country it is possible to have severe weather at any time of year.

All members of the Lander University campus should be familiar with these types of weather conditions and the proper procedures for seeking shelter during severe weather activity. The following information is a reminder of the basic watch and warning system used by the National Weather Service.

- A watch (tornado watch, thunderstorm watch) means to be alert that the weather conditions are right for the development of that particular type of weather. People are asked to take note of the weather and their surrounding conditions, and consider how they would adjust their activities to the possibility of changing weather.

- A warning (tornado warning, thunderstorm warning) means that the particular type of weather is occurring –a tornado has been sighted or severe thunderstorm is expected. During a tornado warning or a very severe thunderstorm warning the University will activate its emergency warning sirens, as well as activate the Lander Alert mass notification system. Act immediately to find suitable shelter.

A severe tornado warning or severe weather warning is serious. Stay away from glass windows; cover your body to protect it from flying debris. During a severe weather event do not call University Police unless there are serious personnel injuries in your area or you need immediate assistance.

Places on the Lander campus designated as severe weather shelter locations are listed below. Other areas such as restrooms, small office units on campus will not be marked. Take time to familiarize yourself with these areas on campus.

Severe Weather Shelter Locations

- **ART STUDIO:** All occupants of the art studio should seek shelter in Genesis Hall
- **BARRATT HALL:** Occupants should seek shelter in internal corridors and classrooms
- **BEARCAT VILLAGE:** Occupants should go to rooms on the first floor and seek shelter in a bathroom or closet.
- **BROOKSIDE:** Occupants should go to the bottom floor and seek shelter at the base of the central stairwell and laundry room. Occupants are advised to close all doors and stay away from glass.
- **CARNELL LEARNING CENTER:** Occupants should seek shelter in the following locations:
 - 1st Floor: Financial Aid Office Corridor, Restrooms, Classrooms adjacent to Media Center, Business Office Corridor.
 - 2nd Floor: Restrooms and interior corridors away from windows and exterior doors.
- **CULTURAL CENTER:** Occupants should seek shelter on the first floor in corridors and restrooms.
- **CENTENNIAL HALL:** Occupants should seek shelter in the bathroom area or living room, taking the time to close doors to the bedrooms.
- **CHIPLEY HALL:** Occupants should go to the first floor hallways, close all doors, and assume the crouched, covered position.
- **FACILITIES OPERATIONS:** Occupants should seek shelter in the first floor restrooms.
- **GRIER STUDENT CENTER:** No suitable shelter on the 3rd floor. Occupants should seek shelter in the plaza level stair in front of the Post Office leading to the cafeteria. Occupants may also relocate to the back hallway of the dining hall and in 1st floor restrooms. Kitchen staff may seek shelter in the kitchen restrooms. Post Office and Student Affairs Staff may shelter in the Post Office. Book Store staff should shelter in the office area of the Book Store.
- **GENESIS HALL:** Wellness Center employees may seek shelter in the Counseling reception area. University Police Department employees seek shelter in receptionist office. Academic Success Center employees may seek shelter in the restrooms and main corridor. Employees and students

seeking shelter from the Art Annex may shelter in the main corridor of Genesis Hall.

- **HORNE ARENA:** Occupants should seek shelter in the locker room corridors on the 1st floor or the basement corridor. All occupants should avoid lobby areas and the arena.
- **HUMAN RESOURCES BUILDING:** Occupants should seek shelter in the basement area, away from window.
- **JACKSON LIBRARY:** All occupants seek shelter on the lower level near the stairwell in the Computer Commons of Jackson Library.
- **JEFF MAY COMPLEX:** Teams will take shelter in the Fieldhouse locker rooms and spectators will take shelter in the restrooms at the main concourse between the baseball and softball fields.
- **LANDER LEGION BUILDING (AMERICAN LEGION):** Take shelter in interior rooms and restrooms away from windows and doors.
- **LIDE APARTMENTS:** Occupants should go to rooms on the first floor and seek shelter in a bathroom or closet.
- **LAURA LANDER HALL:** Occupants should seek shelter in the 1st floor corridor of the building.
- **MCGHEE COURT:** All occupants should seek shelter in the bathroom/hallway area of the apartment.
- **NEW RESIDENCE HALL:** Occupants should go to the interior hallways, away from all glass, close all doors, and assume the crouched, covered position.
- **PEES:** Occupants should seek shelter in the corridors around the racquetball courts, restrooms, and Human Performance Lab.
- **SCIENCE BUILDING:** Occupants should seek shelter on the 1st floor corridors of the Biology and Chemistry wings as well as 1st floor restrooms.
- **THOMASON:** Occupants should seek shelter in the bathroom, taking care to close all doors leading to the bathroom.
- **UNIVERSITY PLACE:** Occupants should go to the first floor and seek shelter in a bathroom or closet.
- **WILLIAMSTON:** Occupants should go to the first floor and seek shelter in a bathroom, taking care to close all doors leading to the bathroom.

Tornado Warning/Severe Weather

Although this region of South Carolina is not known for having frequent tornadoes, the potential for severe weather does exist. It is important for everyone to take all warnings seriously. Employees will be notified of severe weather in several ways. In the event that a tornado warning is issued for Greenwood County Lander University will initiate warnings in the following ways:

- Axis TV
- Mass notification methods (email, text messaging, Lander Web Site) In the event of a tornado warning all employees should seek shelter indoors and away from windows. Shelter in ground floor and basement areas are preferred in a tornado. Employees should familiarize themselves with these areas. In the event of being in an unfamiliar area or away from the ground floor, seek shelter in interior corridors. Even if ground floor shelter is not an option due to overcrowding, all occupants should avoid the top floor.
- Sit close to corridor walls and cover your head and face with your arms.
- If outdoors move quickly to ground floor of a building or seek refuge in a ditch. Caution: Avoid power or utility lines and trees as they can be energized.
- If in an automobile, stop in the safest place available, preferably away from power lines and trees. Stop as quickly as safety permits, exit the vehicle and seek suitable shelter.
- After the storm passes, evaluate the situation and, if emergency help is necessary contact University Police –Calling from on campus 8911 or Cell 864-388-8911.
- Report damaged facilities to University Police or Physical Plant. NOTE: Gas leaks and power failures create special hazards. Please refer to the section on utility failures.

- If the building you are in is evacuated by University officials or the fire alarm sounds, walk quickly to the nearest safe exit and ask others to do the same. Assist the Disabled in exiting the building. After the severe weather is over remain in the building until given the all clear to exit the building. Due to the probability of power lines being down you may be asked to remain indoors.
- Once outside move to the assembly area away from the affected building. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews. Know your assembly location.
- An Emergency Operations Center may be set up near the disaster site. Keep clear of the area unless you have official business.
- Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by University Police or University Administration.