

## Chelsea District Library Policy and Procedure

Policy Section: **6. Facility and Equipment**  
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Subject: **411 Tornado Safety**

### Background:

During Tornado Season, people in Chelsea District Library are at risk for injury should a tornado affect the Chelsea area. The library has an abundance of windows. The library is committed to insuring the safety of staff, volunteers and patrons by establishment and enforcement of customary tornado precautions.

### Definitions:

A **tornado watch** is issued by the National Weather Service when tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

A **tornado warning** is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

Tornadoes can form any time of the year, but the **tornado season** runs from March to August.

### Policy:

It is the policy of the library to notify all staff, volunteers and patrons of the status of tornado warnings and watches and to assure that precautions are taken to assure the safety of individuals while in the library building.

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