



# SEVERE WEATHER SURVIVAL TIPS

How to stay safe during a tornado  
when you live outdoors

## WHAT WILL YOU DO IN SEVERE WEATHER?

### THE BEST THING TO DO IS FIND SHELTER

- Go to the closest public building.
- Stay on the lowest level (a basement is best, especially in abandoned buildings).
- Go to the center of the room, away from any windows, doors, and corners.
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

### IF YOU CAN'T GET TO SHELTER

- Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Don't get in a ditch if it is near water, because it could flood.
- Do NOT get under an overpass or bridge—these become wind tunnels, and you can be sucked out.
- Stay out of cars, trucks, and other vehicles.
- Watch out for flying debris.

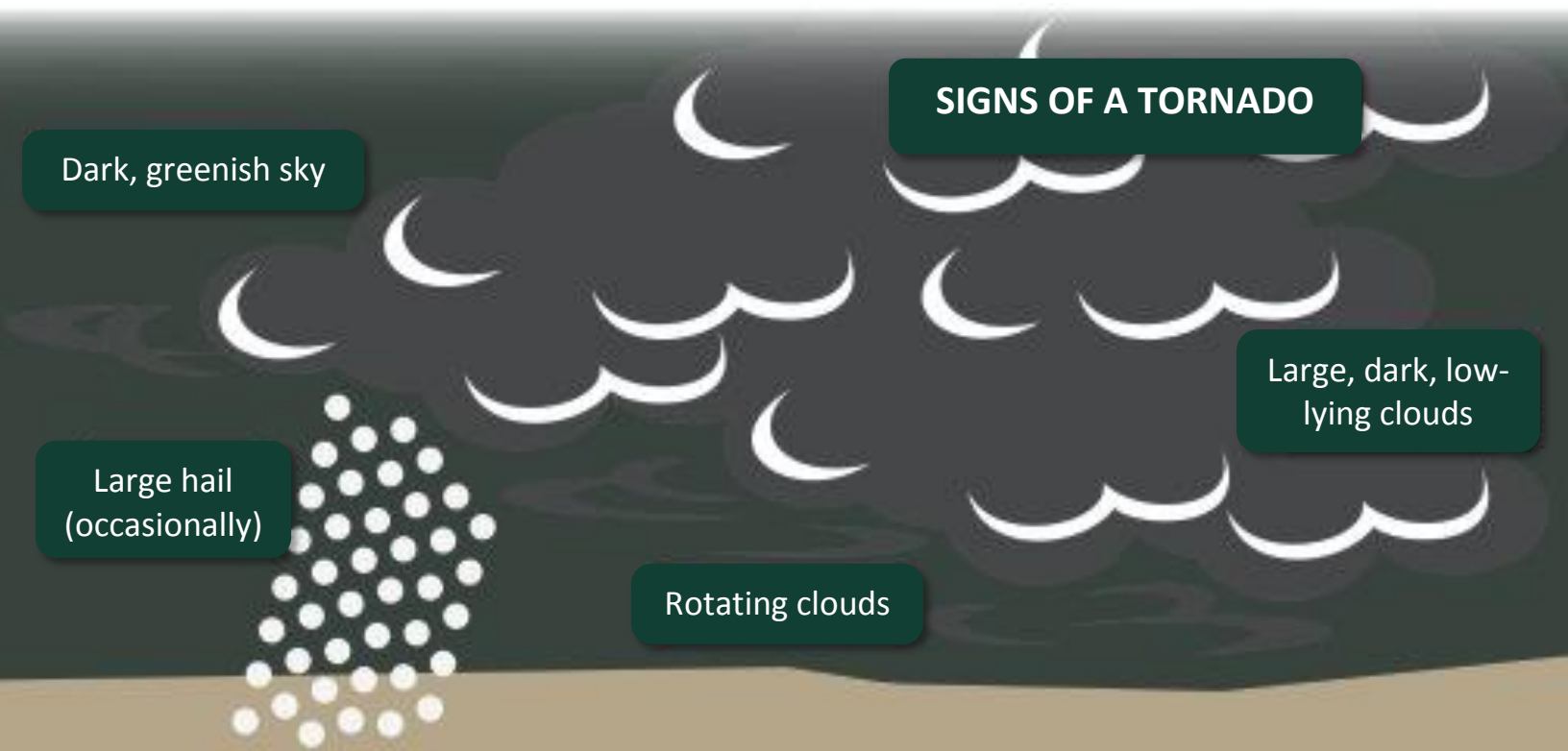
### SIGNS OF A TORNADO

Dark, greenish sky

Large hail  
(occasionally)

Rotating clouds

Large, dark, low-  
lying clouds



## REMEMBER

- Tornado winds can reach 300 miles per hour.
- Every state is at some risk of tornadoes.
- Occasionally, tornadoes develop so quickly that little, if any, warning is possible.
- Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still.

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