

MINOOKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.



Severe Weather Safety

Tornados can happen at anytime of the year, generally during the spring and summer. Your life can change in just **EIGHT** seconds.

Here are some ways to be prepared:

- Discuss and create a plan of what to do if there is a tornado.
- Your plan should also include what to do with your pets.
- Pick a safe place in your home where family members could gather during a tornado, like a basement or crawl space.
- If you live in a mobile home, ask an out-of-town relative or friend to be your "family contact" or place for shelter.
- Have a disaster kit containing bottled water, battery operated flashlights and radios, extra batteries, blankets, personal identification, first-aid kit, credit card/cash, extra set of car keys and any other special needs items, such as medication, diapers, and formula.
- Don't wait for the outside sirens to go off before leaving the house. Act early! If possible, listen to a NOAA weather radio for updated weather reports. Sign up for severe weather alerts on your phone or email.

- Know the county in which you live or visit – and in what part of that county you are located. The National Weather Service issues severe weather warnings on a county basis, or for a portion of a county.



Watch VS Warning

A National Weather Service **WATCH** means the atmospheric conditions are **favorable** for the development of severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes.

A National Weather Service **WARNING** indicates that a severe thunderstorm has developed and **has** either produced a tornado **or radar has indicated** intense low level rotation in the presence of atmospheric conditions conducive to tornado development.

For more information, check out these great websites:

www.disastercenter.com

www.nws.noaa.gov www.fema.org

www.weather.com www.ready.gov

Save the date:

Babysitting Class
March 31 8a-3p

For more information on CPR classes, visit our website:
www.minookafire.com

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Help out a neighbor

Our residents of Shady Oaks, unfortunately do not have a safe shelter to go to during a severe storm. If you have a basement and know a friend or relative that lives in Shady Oaks, make arrangements with them to have a place for shelter.

Please remember, that Minooka government buildings and Minooka fire stations are **not** authorized storm shelters. Being prepared ahead of time, can help keep our friends and family safe.

Practice your plan

Once you have a plan in place, practice it with the whole family. Don't forget to include your pets in your plan.

Something else to think about... What if your family is not together when a disaster strikes? Make sure every one knows how to get to a designated safe place and knows their emergency contact's phone number.