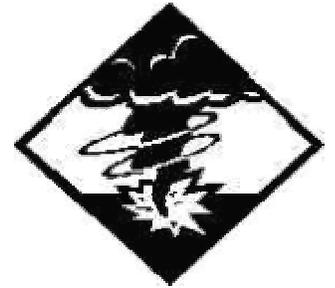


## SEEKING SHELTER DURING SEVERE WEATHER

Seeking shelter inside a sturdy structure should always be your 1<sup>st</sup> choice during dangerous weather!



If possible, seek shelter **in a building**. Proceed to the basement or lowest level using the stairs. Without a basement, take cover in the center of the building, in a small room. Stay away from windows and avoid large wide-open areas. Remember, **lowest level, smallest room, center part**. Stay away from west or south walls, or areas that open in those directions.

If under attack from a tornado while driving, **immediately abandon the vehicle** and seek shelter in a structure or low-lying area. If caught **in a vehicle** during other dangerous weather such as lightning, hail, etc., remain inside the vehicle, and if possible, seek shelter on the leeward side (*out of the wind*) of a significant structure. If that isn't possible, point the vehicle away from the approaching storm, remain in your seat belt, and cover your head & face to avoid injury from flying glass.



If caught **outside** during dangerous weather such as a tornado, severe thunderstorm, downburst, etc., seek shelter in a low-lying area such as a ditch or culvert, or against the foundation of a building on the leeward side. (*out of the wind*) Stay away from trees, electrical lines/poles, fences, etc., that may attract lightning. Be alert for flash floods. Cover your face and head with your hands, coat, etc., to avoid injury from flying debris.