



# Altus Air Force Base Emergency Management



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## Tornado Preparedness

Altus, Oklahoma, experiences a significant tornado risk, with peak activity occurring from April through July. According to the National Weather Service, the region is prone to severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes, typically ranging from EF0 to EF3 on the Enhanced Fujita scale. Given this consistent threat, proactive preparation is critical for the safety of all personnel and their families.

### Receive Weather Notifications on Athoc

AtHoc Emergency Mass Notification System is used the U.S. Airforce for immediate emergency mass notifications, such as alerts for active shooters or severe weather, sent to phones, computers, and emails.

### Register Dependents to Receive Athoc Notifications

DoW personnel can add dependents via the Athoc self service function.

- Click the purple globe icon on your government computer
- Select "Access Self-Service"
- Navigate to the "Dependents" tab
- Select "Add" for each dependent.
- Input contact information and save.

*If unable to access Athoc Self-Service, contact your unit's Athoc End-User*



### Alarm Conditions

**Tornado Watch: Be Prepared.** Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, take inventory of your supplies and check your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

**Tornado Warning: Seek Shelter Immediately!** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

**Tornado Emergency:** A tornado emergency is the National Weather Service's highest alert level. It is issued when a violent tornado has touched down in the watch area. There is a severe threat to human life and property, with catastrophic damage confirmed. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible. Call friends and family who are within the watch area to ensure they are aware of the situation. If you see a tornado approaching, do not attempt to outrun it in a vehicle; shelter in place. Once safe, be sure to monitor your local forecast for the latest updates.