

Severe Weather Procedures

**Superior does not have a city-wide warning system for severe weather.
No outdoor sirens will sound.**

Severe weather includes severe thunderstorms, high winds, large hail or tornados. Severe weather watches and warnings are issued by the National Weather Service.

- A **watch** means conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather.
- A **warning** is issued when severe storms are approaching our area.

Severe weather watches and warning information will be received by monitoring weather alert radios, local television and radio broadcasts. If time permits and individuals are available, the campus community may be alerted to severe weather by verbal messages distributed within the building. *There are times when no one will be available to provide weather warnings with campus buildings, especially during late afternoons, evenings or weekends. It is everyone's responsibility to monitor weather conditions by listening to a local TV station or radio station, like KUWS 91.3 FM, for the most current information.*

1. When a severe weather watch is issued by the National Weather Service, develop an action plan of how and where to take shelter if a severe storm develops. See the table of recommended Storm Shelter locations. Communicate this plan to others in your area.
2. Continually monitor local weather conditions. Check the weather forecast before leaving for field trips or outdoor activities, and have a plan in place for safe shelter and communication if threatening conditions develop.
3. Prepare the following emergency supplies to take to the storm shelter: a weather alert radio or other battery operated radio, flashlight, keys, purse, backpack, cell phone, and a coat to provide protection from flying glass.
4. Listen closely when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning. Activate the action plan if Superior is included in the warning.
5. Collect the emergency supplies and go to a safe shelter immediately. Inform others of the warning as you go to the shelter. Stay away from windows, skylights and doors.
6. Do Not Use the elevators. Individuals who cannot use the stairs should take shelter on the same floor in a small interior windowless room, such as a restroom or interior office. Offer assistance to individuals with special needs.
7. As severe weather approaches, sit facing the wall, and cover your head and face with available protective objects. If possible, get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
8. If there is time and it is safe to do so, begin a sign-in sheet in the shelter area (please print). If individuals leave during the storm, ask them to sign out.
9. Keep phone lines (and cell phones) available for emergency communication.
10. Stay in the building until the storm has passed and the all-clear issued by the National Weather Service or emergency responders. The National Weather Service will broadcast an all clear for the region on the weather alert radio.
11. Once the storm has past, check others for injuries. Report all injuries to Campus Safety or emergency responders.
12. When exiting the building, beware of downed power lines, broken glass and unsafe areas.
13. Go to a central area of campus away from storm debris and await assistance.

UW Superior Emergency Procedures

Storm Shelters

The safest shelter areas are small windowless interior rooms or interior corridors on the lowest available floor (preferably the basement). Stay away from windows, skylights and exterior doors.

- Seek shelter on the floor you are on if you are unable to use the stairs. Small windowless rooms, such as restrooms or interior offices, are good choices. Use a buddy system.
- Do not shelter in large spaces such as cafeterias, concourses, auditoriums, theaters or gymnasiums.
- Do not use the elevators during severe weather.

Recommended Storm Shelters at UW Superior

Building	Preferred – if time and safety permits Alternate Sites: If Preferred sites are inaccessible	Areas to avoid
Barstow Hall	Preferred: Basement corridor and restrooms. Alternate: Restrooms & corridors 1 st -3 rd floors.	Areas with windows and stairwells.
Erlanson Hall	Preferred: Basement corridor and restrooms. Alternate: Corridors on 1 st – 3 rd .	1 st -3 rd restrooms
Heating Plant	Preferred: Basement Alternate: Restrooms	Any area with glass windows
Haz. Waste Facility	Preferred: Do not remain in the building. If safe, immediately go to Barstow Hall. Alternate: Under the bench or table in the lab of the building.	Office area.
Health & Wellness Ctr	Preferred: Basement corridor & team equipment room. Narrow windowless corridors, locker rooms, training room, and restrooms on first floor. Alternate: Restrooms and narrow windowless corridors on 2 nd .	Field house, gym, pool, dance studio, racquet ball courts and lobby.
Holden Fine Arts	Preferred: 1 st Floor (basement) corridors away from doors, and restrooms, music practice rooms. Alternate: Restrooms on 2 nd & 3 rd . East-west 2 nd fl corridors. 3 rd fl corridor by gallery.	All office corridors.
JDH Library	Preferred: Basement corridors and restrooms. Alternate: Restrooms on first and 2 nd floor.	
McCaskill Hall	Preferred: Corridors, restrooms & interior windowless offices. Alternate: Barstow basement only if time and safe to do so.	Gym, COPE center, KO Theater, corridors by doors or windows.
Old Main	Preferred: Basement. Alternate: Curran corridor on 1 st & 2 nd Fl. Men's restroom & ramp area outside of women's restroom on 3 rd .	Theater, Multicultural Ctr., near doors, windows
Rothwell Student Ctr	Preferred: Narrow basement corridors and restrooms. Alternate: Narrow corridors & restrooms on 1 st & concourse. Restrooms on 2 nd .	Large rooms and the concourse.
Service Center	Preferred: Main east-west or north south corridors. Alternate: Restrooms and locker rooms.	Shops, stores and loading dock area.
Sundquist	Preferred: Basement corridors (approved by Daycare). Corridors and Restrooms on floors 1-2. Alternate: Area immediately in front of elevator on 3 rd .	Childcare area with windows.
Welcome Center	Preferred: Do not remain in the building. If safe, immediately go to Rothwell Student Ctr. Alternate: Take shelter in the restroom or under a heavy desk.	
Wessman Arena	Preferred: Restrooms, coaches office, locker rooms, corridors by locker rooms, and stairs to basement. Alternate: Basement, close to east wall.	Overhead door & equipment in basement.
Crownhart Hall	Preferred: Narrow corridors & study room in basement, & south end of basement by kitchen. Alternate: Restrooms and corridors on floors 1-3.	Basement restrooms.
Curran-McNeill Hall	Preferred: Basement corridors and restrooms. Alternate: Restrooms and corridors on floors 1-4.	Areas near doors, windows and lounge
Ostrander Hall	Preferred: Narrow corridor, kitchen, restrooms, & laundry room in basement. Alternate: Restrooms and corridors on floors 1-4.	Lounge in basement.
Ross Hall	Preferred: Narrow corridors and restrooms in basement. Alternate: Corridors and restrooms on floors 1-4.	Areas with windows.
Hawkes Hall	Preferred: Narrow corridors and restrooms in basement. Alternate: Narrow corridors and restrooms on floors 1-4.	Areas with windows.

*Use the alternate location if unable to use the stairs, or if there isn't enough time or it's unsafe to get to the preferred location.