

Severe Weather Procedures

Superior does not have a city-wide warning system for severe weather.

Severe weather includes severe blizzards, 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 weather is 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 email and verbal messages distributed within the building. *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.*

Severe Weather Watches – Prepare Action Plans

1. When the National Weather Service issues a severe weather watch, begin continual monitoring of the local weather conditions via weather alert radio, public radio or TV.
2. Develop an action plan of how and where to shelter if a severe storm develops. Communicate this plan to others in your area or work group.
3. Check the weather forecast before leaving for field trips or outdoor activities, and have a plan in place for safe shelter if threatening conditions develop.
4. Locate emergency supplies for use in the event that a severe storm occurs: a weather alert radio or a battery operated radio, flashlight, keys, purse, backpack, coat, cell phone, and food for prolonged winter storms.
5. Listen closely when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning. Activate your action plan if Superior is included in the path of the storm.

Winter Storm Warnings

Hazardous winter storms include sleet, snow, ice storms and blizzards which can cause power outages and make travel treacherous when walking or driving. The Campus Administration monitors weather conditions closely when winter storm warnings are issued to determine the safest course of action for continuation of classes and work.

Information about cancellation of classes, or delays in starting of classes, will be broadcasted on local radio and television. Information will also be updated on the campus web page under "News" and the weather hotline: 715-394-8400. Instructional staff with evening and off-campus teaching responsibilities should establish a telephone network to inform students of class cancellations, if necessary.

Information on closing of the campus will be communicated by the Provost through the respective Cabinet Officers and their designees. Unless informed otherwise by an appropriate supervisor (or designee), employees should assume that the university is "open" and make a reasonable effort to get to work on time, even if classes are canceled. Information will also be updated on the weather hotline: 715-394-8400.

UW Superior Emergency Procedures Severe Thunderstorm Warnings

1. Severe thunderstorm warnings are issued by the National Weather Service when a thunderstorm is capable of producing quarter size (1 inch) hail, winds of 58 mph or higher, and or capable of producing a tornado.
2. When a Severe Thunderstorm warning is issue that may affect Superior, Campus Safety and/or Environmental Health and Safety will send an emergency email message notifying the campus community that Superior is under a severe thunder storm warning and that individuals should be prepared to seek shelter away from windows should campus weather conditions dictate.
3. If conditions warrant it, Campus Safety or Environmental Health and Safety will issue an email or verbal emergency message to take immediate shelter. If this message is received, activate your severe thunderstorm plans and go to a safe shelter.
4. Any shelter that provides an enclosed space with no windows should provide adequate protection for severe thunderstorms, including the recommended weather shelters in the Storm Shelter chart. Do not use the elevators during severe thunderstorms.

Tornado Warnings

1. When a tornado warning is issued, immediately go to a safe shelter recommended in the Storm Shelter Table. Inform others of the warning as you go to the shelter. Stay away from windows, skylights and doors.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Keep phone lines (and cell phones) available for emergency communication.
6. Stay in the building until the storm has passed and the all-clear issued by Campus Safety, campus officials or emergency responders.
7. Once the storm has past, check others for injuries. Report all injuries to Campus Safety, campus officials or emergency responders.
8. When exiting the building, beware of downed power lines, broken glass and unsafe areas.
9. Go to a central area of campus away from storm debris and await assistance.

UW Superior Emergency Procedures Storm Shelters - Revised 2010

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, atriums, auditoriums 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
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	Areas 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: Garden level (basement) along the West Wall and West stairwells. Restrooms on all floors. Alternates: Room 133 (if available); Room 131 for individuals who cannot use the stairs.	All stairwells on 1 st & 2 nd floors, near doors and windows, large areas such as stacks & circulation.
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
Public Safety Building	Preferred: Locker room and rest room. Alternate: squad room.	Office areas, main lobby, near doors and windows,
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 Public Safety Building or Yellowjacket Union. 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.
Yellowjacket Union	Preferred: East Basement Corridor, all enclosed stairwells (east and west), Restrooms on all floors, Loading Dock. Alternate: West Basement Corridor (limited access), Room 230I (when open), Service Corridor 216 for Great Room Users, Dishwashing room #115.	Near doors or windows, large open areas such as Great Room, atriums, dining areas, bookstore.
Crownhart Hall	Preferred: Basement: Narrow corridors & study room, & 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: Basement: Narrow corridor, kitchen, restrooms, & laundry room. 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.