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Safety and Awareness For Kids by Kids

**TORNADOES**

**BEFORE A TORNADO:**
- Build an emergency kit.
- Make a family communications plan.
- Look for the following danger signs: *dark, greenish sky*  
  *large hail*  
  *large, dark, low-lying cloud*  
  *loud roar, like a freight train*

**DURING A TORNADO:**
- If you are in a building:
  - Go to a safe room such as a basement, cellar
  - If there is no basement, go to an inside room like a closet or hallway.
  - Stay away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls.
  - Do not open windows.
  - Protect your head.
- If you are in a trailer or mobile home:
  - Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building or storm shelter.

**AFTER A TORNADO:**
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots. There may be broken glass or nails
- Never go near or touch dangling or loose power lines. They could electrocute you.
- Text, don’t talk. Unless there’s a life-threatening situation, if you have a cell phone, send a text so that you don’t tie up phone lines needed by emergency workers. Plus, texting may work even if cell service is down.

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