



# ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SEVERE WEATHER?

- » Know your duties in your department.
- » Ask your supervisor for further unit specific instructions.

## **TORNADO WATCH**

*Conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop.*

### *Steps to Take:*

#### Clinical Areas

- » Close window coverings, such as drapes.
- » Locate supplies and equipment that would be needed if the watch is upgraded to a warning:
  - i.e. next IV solution bag, oxygen extension tubing, extra electrical extension cord
  - Test flashlight functionality; extra batteries

#### Non-Clinical Areas

- » Prepare your work area with equipment or emergency supplies (i.e. flashlights).
- » Close window drapes.
- » Clear hallways and designated areas to prepare for movement.

## **TORNADO WARNING**

*Tornado has been sighted, sirens are sounding and the Weather Service is advising everyone to take shelter.*

### *Steps to Take:*

#### Clinical Areas

- » Move patients to a safer location.
- » Close patient room doors.
- » Transfer needed supplies with patient.

#### Non-Clinical Areas

- » Move employees and necessary supplies to designated areas.
- » Stay away from outside walls and windows.
- » Remain in designated area until Warning is canceled by Manager.



**Safety is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility!**