

**TORNADO EMERGENCY PLAN  
FOR  
ATLANTA, GA PRODUCTIONS**

**During our shoot, Production will monitor the weather through \_\_\_\_\_.  
Production will send emails with updates on the weather conditions, and advise  
personnel of any signs of severe weather.**

**Please read below for instructions in the event the company has to evacuate the set  
or Production Office.**

**Introduction**

The \_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_, GA pre-production work for “\_\_\_\_\_” is  
scheduled to fall within the 2019 Tornado Season that Starts March 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2019.

Therefore, a Tornado Emergency Plan (Plan) has been created, specifically for the  
production, to protect cast, crew, and production assets. The plan was created based on  
the tornado plan guidelines of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and  
the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). The purpose of this Plan is to  
provide the production with information on how to act when a tornado occurs, and is  
intended to serve as a management guide.

**Background**

A tornado is a localized, violently destructive windstorm occurring over land, and  
characterized by a long, funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the ground and made  
visible by condensation and debris. Winds can exceed 200 mph, and tornadoes can move  
in any direction. The precise location of a touch down cannot be predicted.

Conditions that may indicate an increased risk of tornadoes in the area include  
approaching storms; a dark, often greenish, sky; and large hail. Large, low-lying, rotating  
clouds, and a roar (similar to a freight train) often herald the approach of a tornado.

## **Alert Level 1 – Tornado Preparation Mode**

### Personal Preparations

We suggest that all crew make personal preparations, including the following, whenever the near-term forecast is for conditions favorable to tornadoes:

- Fill your gas tank – maintain at least half a tank of gas in your vehicle at all times.
- Pack a bag with 3 days of clean clothes, toiletries, medications, valuables, identification, and rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Back up and pack up your computer and any confidential “El Dorado” related information
- Important documents should be placed in a waterproof container and placed in a safe area.
- Fully charge your production/personal cell phone and carry your wall and/or car charger.
- Notify a relative or friend living outside of the area of your possible evacuation and the location where you will be evacuating (when known).
- Move items you are leaving behind away from windows.
- Close and lock all blinds, curtains, shutters, and the doors to all rooms within your unit.
- If you have an outdoor area, bring in any items that could be picked up by the wind.
- Turn off all lights, computers, and electronic equipment.
- Disconnect all electronic equipment that will not be necessary. Be cautious when reconnecting.
- Make sure you have enough canned food, can opener, and bottled water
- Stay inside in a safe place.

## **Alert Level 2 – Tornado Watch**

“Tornado Watch” means conditions are favorable for severe weather and tornados to form in the area. Personal preparations should already have been performed.

Production will have a “call tree” in place to alert crew with instructions for a possible evacuation. The call tree starts with department heads. Department heads then call their respective crews.

SECURE ALL equipment, trucks, and locations for protection against the impending storm. If you do not have room in your workspace for emergency storage, please contact the Production Office.

### **Alert Level 3 – Tornado Warning**

“Tornado Warning” means a tornado or funnel cloud has been spotted in the area.

Production will put the call tree to use again, alerting department heads of the plan to proceed with meeting in the predetermined safe locations.

- **IF ON THE STAGE, THE DESIGNATED SAFE MEETING PLACE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ . IF ON LOCATION, IT WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY THE A.D.s**
- **IF AT YOUR RESIDENCE, PROCEED TO THE LOWEST LEVEL, SMALL INTERIOR ROOM WITH NO WINDOWS.**
- **IF DRIVING, PULL OVER AND EVACUATE VEHICLE. PROCEED TO NEAREST STURDY BUILDING. MOVE TO THE INTERIOR**
- **IF SHELTER IS NOT AVAILABLE, FIND THE NEAREST DITCH OR LOW-LYING AREA AND CROUCH LOW TO THE GROUND COVERING YOUR HEAD WITH YOUR ARMS.**

### **General Emergency Information**

#### **Local Emergency Agency Phone and Website Information:**

American Red Cross: 1.800.733.2767

Georgia American Red Cross Headquarters: 404.876.3302

Georgia Emergency Management Agency: 1.800.436.7442

Fayetteville Police Department: 770.461.4441

Fayette County Fire/EMS/Emergency Management: 770.305.5414

Peachtree City Police Dept: 770.487.8866

National Weather Service: <http://www.weather.gov>

Georgia Tornado Safety Tips: <http://ready.ga.gov/be-informed/tornadoes/>

Georgia Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.gema.ga.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

#### **Radio Frequency System**

The following radio and TV stations are key participants in the Fayetteville Emergency Alert System. In the event of an emergency, these stations will broadcast emergency information.

Radio: AM 750 (WSB), FM 95.5 (WSB)

TV: Local News Channel 5 or 11

