A MESSAGE FROM

MILWAUKEE COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TORNADO ALERT PROCEDURES

- **TORNADO WATCH –** Conditions exist for the possible formation of a tornado.

- **TORNADO WARNING –** High possibility of tornado formation exists or a tornado has been sighted. When a tornado warning is issued, the *COUNTY OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM* will be activated, sounding a *STEADY WARNING TONE FOR 3 MINUTES.*

- **WHEN OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS ARE SOUNDED** – *Be prepared to seek shelter and take cover.* Tune to local *TV* or *radio stations* for detailed information. *Do not call* local law enforcement or the Emergency Management Office <u>except</u> to report the *sighting* of a funnel cloud. Emergency Management's 24-hour phone number is 414-525-5770.

- **IF A TORNADO APPROACHES** – Seek shelter in the basement or an interior room on the lowest level of your home. Stay away from windows and exterior doors.

- **AT WORK, SCHOOLS, SHOPPING MALLS OR CENTERS, AND OTHER FACILITIES** – Follow the emergency plans or instructions provided. Move quickly to shelter areas. The best shelter area is usually an interior hallway on the lowest level.

- **ABOVE ALL** – Remain calm and do not panic. Panic often leads to unnecessary injury.

NOTE: The Milwaukee County Outdoor Warning Siren System is tested at 12-Noon on the second Wednesday of each month. The test will not be conducted if weather conditions are threatening. The sirens are designed to warn people that are outdoors in open areas. <u>The sirens are not designed to be heard inside of homes or buildings.</u> Stay alert during severe weather watches and warnings. Follow the procedures described above and you can avoid potential danger and reduce the risk of injury to you and your family.

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