

## **Gameday General Public Severe Weather Safety Procedures**

If severe weather threatens to impact the UA campus, the University will use some or all of the following methods to notify visitors on campus:

- Campus PA system
- Media outlets
- Social Media (Twitter and Facebook)
- Website
  - [www.uagameday.com](http://www.uagameday.com)
  - [www.ua.edu](http://www.ua.edu)

If you are instructed to seek shelter, immediately move to buildings on UA's campus that have been designated as severe weather shelters. A list and map of designated buildings is available at [www.uagameday.com](http://www.uagameday.com). (Some or all of the building may be opened depending on the situation.) A flashing light at the entrance will help you quickly identify shelter areas. When you arrive on campus, take a few minutes to identify the severe weather shelter closest to your game day activities.

If severe weather occurs, please remember these key points:

- If you are not able to quickly reach a shelter building, seek cover on low ground with clumps of bushes.
- STAY AWAY from all outdoor metal objects like flag poles, fences and gates, high mast light poles, metal bleachers, golf carts, machinery, etc.
- AVOID trees, water, open fields and high ground.
- Wait until you receive an all clear announcement before leaving the shelter or resuming outdoor activities.
  - When the all-clear is announced, stay away from power lines and puddles of water with wires in them as they might still be carrying electricity.
  - Watch your step to avoid broken glass, nails and other sharp objects.
  - Stay out of any heavily damaged houses or buildings as they could collapse at any time.
  - Do not use matches or lighters, in case of leaking natural gas pipes or fuel tanks nearby.
  - Remain calm and alert, and listen for information and instructions from emergency crews or local officials.
- Plan ahead by checking local weather at least 24 hours prior to the game. Consider purchasing a portable weather radio so that you can receive timely storm information.
- Lightning is a danger regardless of how far away it seems to be. A good lightning safety motto is: "If you can see it, flee it; if you can hear it, clear it."

- If you are caught outside during a lightning event, immediately remove objects that contain metal (including baseball caps), place your feet together, duck your head, and crouch down low in with hands on knees.
- Seek help immediately if someone close to you is struck by lightning. Call UAPD at (205) 348-5454 or the city of Tuscaloosa at 911.