

HOW TO SURVIVE A

# TORNADO



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# TORNADOES

A tornado is a violently spinning **funnel** that grows from a thunderstorm cloud down to earth. Lightning and hail are common during a tornado. Tornadoes can strike in any season, but mostly happen in the spring and summer months.





The Daulatpur-Saturia tornado hit Bangladesh in 1989. It was the deadliest and most destructive tornado in history. Around 1,300 people lost their lives.



# PREPARE



Being aware of warning signs will help you be prepared. A yellow-green sky, strong winds, and low, dark clouds can mean a tornado is looming. It is important to know the difference between a **tornado watch** and a **tornado warning**.





Talk about tornadoes with your family. Discussing ahead of time helps reduce fear and panic. Make sure everyone knows where to go if there is a **tornado warning.**



Having a survival kit is key. It should include water, canned food, and a whistle. A flashlight and extra batteries will help if power is lost.

## **DISASTER PREP**

- WATER
- NON PERISHABLE FOOD
- BATTERY RADIO
- BATTERIES
- FIRST AID KIT
- FLASHLIGHT
- WHISTLE



# PREPARATION LIST

TRASH BAGS

MATCHES

WHISTLE

CASH & KEYS

HAND SANITIZER

BASIC TOOL SET

EMERGENCY FIRST AID KIT

# SURVIVE





Move to a basement or the building's lowest possible floor. Stay under a strong piece of furniture and always protect your head. Stay away from any windows, and be sure to keep them closed. High winds and shattered glass are a dangerous combination.



If you are stuck outside, find a **ditch** in the ground, lie flat, and cover your head. Watch for flying **debris**, as it causes the most harm during tornadoes.

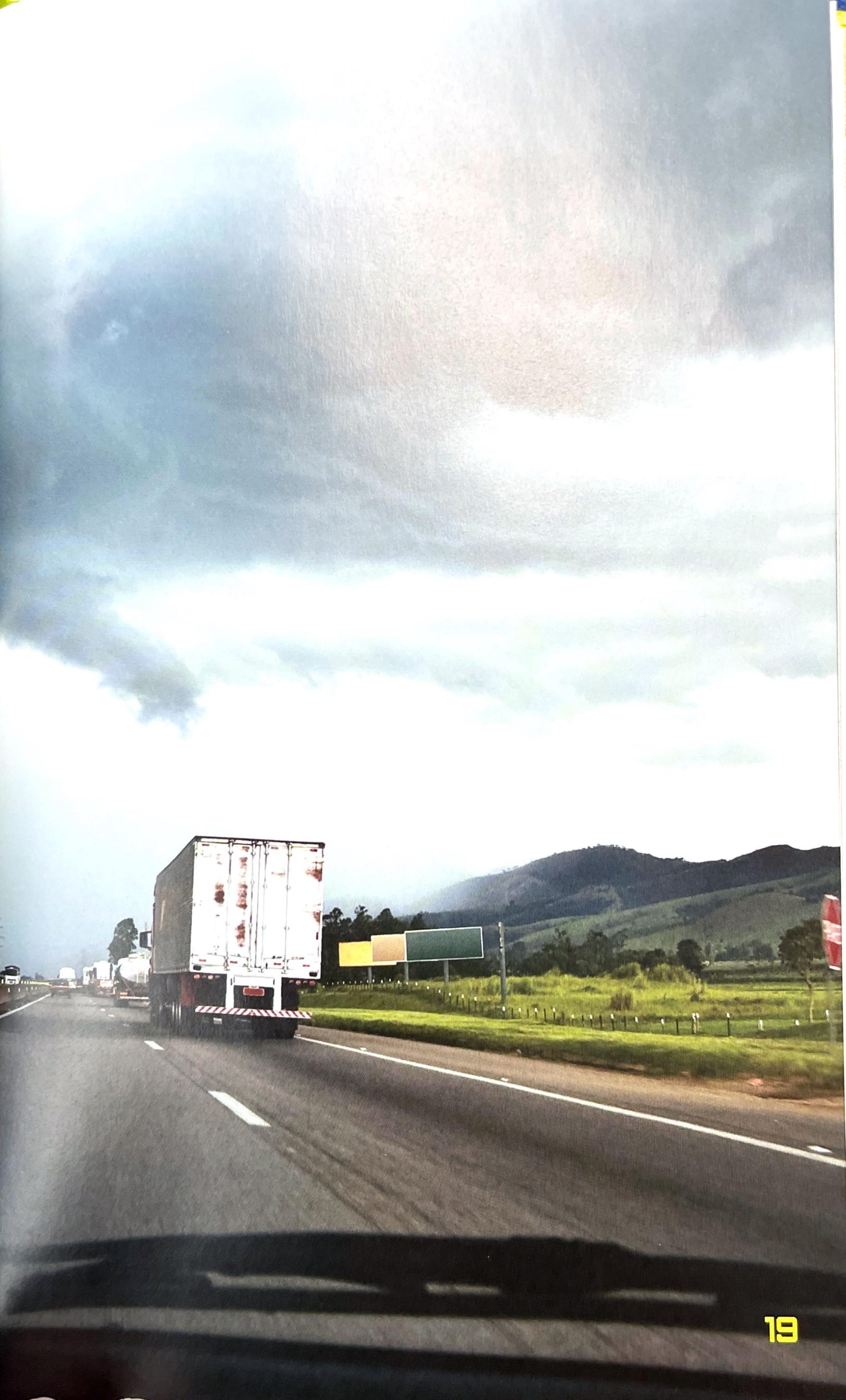


If you are driving, leave your vehicle and enter a building. If there are no buildings around, find a **ditch** in the ground and lie flat. Do not seek shelter under a highway **overpass**.



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When the tornado passes, let friends and family know you are safe. Continue listening to local news or radio for updated information and instructions. If you are trapped, use a whistle to signal your location.





# GLOSSARY

**debris** – loose material from an area.

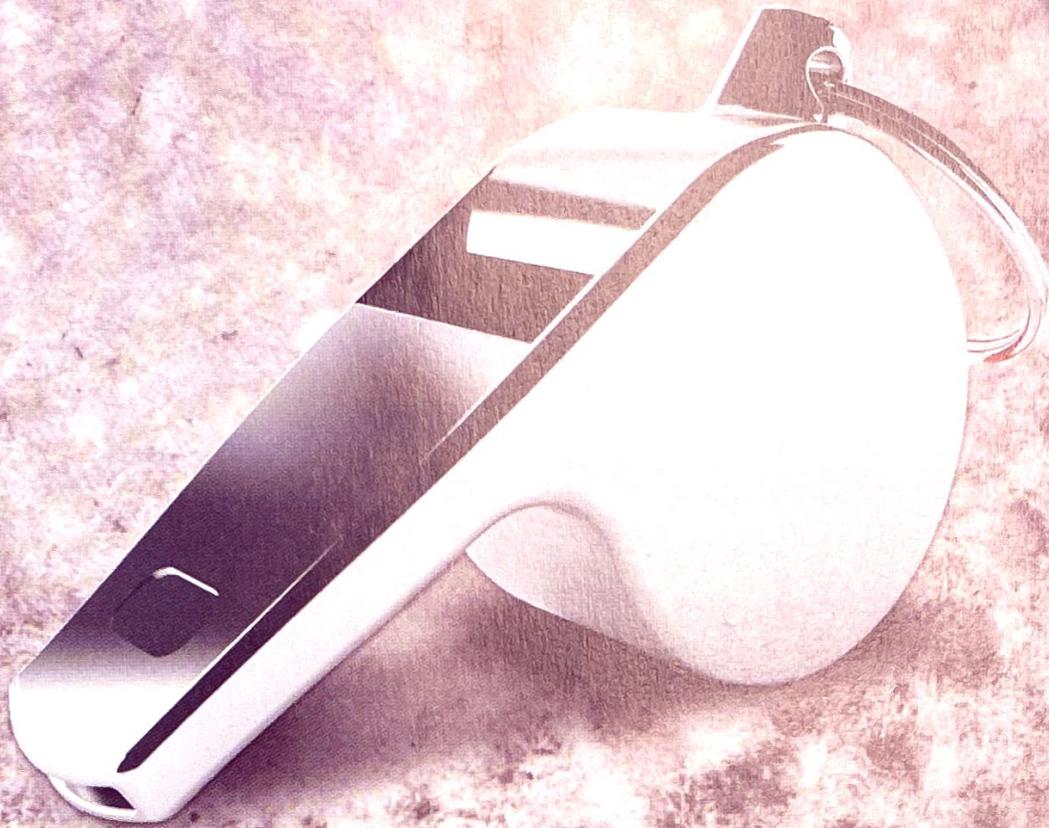
**ditch** – a narrow groove dug into the ground near a road or field.

**funnel** – a shape that is wide on top and narrow at the bottom.

**overpass** – a bridge that allows a road or railroad to pass over one another.

**tornado warning** – an alert to warn the public that a tornado is coming.

**tornado watch** – an alert to warn the public that a tornado is possible.



## ONLINE RESOURCES



**Booklinks**

**NONFICTION NETWORK**

**FREE!** ONLINE NONFICTION RESOURCES

To learn more about surviving a tornado, please visit [abdobooklinks.com](http://abdobooklinks.com). These links are routinely monitored and updated to provide the most current information available.