



# Tornado

## Building Risk Assessment Form

Tornado Building Risk Assessment			
Head Start Program: _____			
	Y	N	Necessary Action
Do you have safe rooms, underground storm shelters, or other refuge areas that can withstand the force of a tornado with wind speeds up to 250 miles per hour?			
Does your facility have one or more safe rooms sufficient to shelter all facility occupants?			
Do you have tornado or hail damage insurance?			
Are information systems and vital records securely backed up offsite?			
Are you located in a wood frame or unreinforced masonry structure?			
If yes to the preceding, do you have an alternative, specially designed shelter site nearby to relocate children and staff if there is time?			
If yes to the preceding, do you have a letter of agreement with the relocation site, and will they provide water, food, transportation, telephone, and people to assist?			
Are wall studs and roof rafters connected using hurricane clips?			
Are gas and electric power systems, and sewer lines located near evacuation routes or exterior assembly areas?			
Have mitigation measures been incorporated into building design and construction or renovation?			
Are all utility shutoffs located and correctly labeled?			
Are the tools for shutting off lines handy?			
Is the building secured to the foundation?			
Are structural connections and façade elements designed to withstand lateral and roof uplift forces caused by high wind speeds?			
Do exterior walls contain structural sheathing?			
Are large items outside, such as play structures and benches, secured against tumbling in high wind?			
Are all windows impact resistant and shatterproof?			
Is there emergency lighting or sunlight to illuminate stairs and hallways if the facility loses electric power?			
Do you have generator or battery back-up power?			



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## Building Risk Assessment Form cont'd

Are portable fire extinguishers available on each level and in good condition?			
Are hallways and exits lined with lockers, bookshelves, or other storage units where items could break loose and impede evacuation or rescue?			
In areas of frequent hail damage, is the roof constructed of impact-resistant materials?			



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