

# Sample Announced Tornado Drill

<b>NOTIFICATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Tell the children that a tornado drill is about to happen.</li><li>■ Director or designee will announce “Tornado” or other code word.</li></ul>
<b>ACTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ If children are playing outside, bring them inside.</li><li>■ Secure or store outdoor toys, furniture, and equipment that may act as missiles.</li><li>■ Seek shelter in an interior, protected area of the building on the lowest level possible or in a designated tornado shelter.</li><li>■ Keep children away from windows.</li><li>■ Take attendance.</li><li>■ Bring disaster supplies to the designated safe location.</li></ul>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Role play: Provide status updates for families (just pretend!).</li><li>■ Practice using a portable battery or hand-assisted radio to listen for announcements from local officials.</li><li>■ Keep cell phone within reach at all times.</li></ul>
<b>CARE AND SUPERVISION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Follow established procedures for assisting children and/or staff with special health care needs. Bring medications, special health care plans, and assistive devices for communication and mobility.</li><li>■ Follow established procedures for addressing children’s (especially infants and toddlers) nutrition and hygiene needs.</li><li>■ Provide developmentally appropriate activities.</li></ul>
<b>CONCLUSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Continue the tornado drill until the child care director or designee announces the end of the drill.</li></ul>