



# Hazardous Weather Guidelines

**TORNADOES**—If a tornado is imminent:

- ◆ Move to your pre-designated place of safety
- ◆ Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of the building you are in
- ◆ Stay away from glass in windows and doors
- ◆ If your building has no basement, take cover under heavy furniture on the ground floor in a room that is away from outside walls and windows
- ◆ Avoid rooms and halls that open to the outside
- ◆ Crouch down to make as small a target as possible, and cover your head with your hands or something protective

**FLOODS**—If a flood warning occurs:

- ◆ Move to higher ground immediately
- ◆ If you are in a campus building that begins to flood notify Public Safety immediately then leave the building for a facility that is not flooding
- ◆ DO NOT drive or walk through flooded areas — the depth of the water is not always obvious and unseen dangers may be present
- ◆ If told to evacuate, do so immediately
- ◆ DO NOT walk through or drink floodwater as it may contain fecal and other toxic matter

**LIGHTNING**—If a lightning storm occurs:

- ◆ When out of doors—DO NOT remain in open areas, on high ground, or near trees and other tall structures
- ◆ Take shelter within a building or vehicle whenever possible



Department of Public Safety

July 2009



**Dickinson Red Alert**  
Go to the Gateway to signup today  
for College emergency notifications  
<http://gateway.dickinson.edu/>