

# CITY OF LIVERMORE OUTDOOR TORNADO SIRENS POLICY

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The city of Livermore, Iowa maintains a citywide outdoor warning siren network that is used to signal imminent danger from tornadoes. You will need a NOAA Weather Radio for indoor warnings

It is a familiar sound, as it is tested every Saturday at noon, including cloudy and rainy Saturdays, unless there is a threat of severe weather in the area, a major event or venue is taking place and will only run in test mode about one minute.

Inside the City of Livermore, a steady siren for about five minutes means **IMMINENT DANGER**. Take shelter immediately in the nearest suitable protective area and seek additional information. Protective areas should be identified in advance. *Once the sirens sound, it is **too late** to seek protection at a remote location.*

**A tornado warning issued or high winds of 70 Mph or greater from the National Weather Service (NWS) with a "polygon" including any portion of the Humboldt County, Iowa may be a cause for outdoor warning siren activation.**

Stated another way, if a NWS **Tornado Warning** polygon includes any part of Humboldt County, Iowa that may be sufficient reason to sound the sirens, regardless of the actual conditions observed.

*(A "Tornado Warning" is issued by the NWS Forecast Office when a tornado has been sighted by storm spotters or detected by radar.)*

## SECOND SOUNDINGS

Sirens should be sounded again under the following conditions:

- a. The tornado warning is extended or re-issued.
- b. A tornado is spotted or confirmed "on the ground" in the area.
- c. The National Weather Service issues a "Tornado Emergency" for a community.

## ALL-CLEAR SIGNALS

An "all clear" signal will **NOT** be given via the siren system. It is urged that reliance be placed on the **local radio and television Broadcast stations** for this and other status and forecast information.

## WEATHER ADVISORIES (AND ALL-CLEAR SIGNALS)

The National Weather Service (NWS) broadcast continuous weather status and forecast information on a special frequency of **162.400 MHz WXK-84** Fips/Same Code 019091 from its Des Moines, Iowa office; this information is updated hourly.

MOUSE-OVER THIS  
IMAGE TO HEAR A  
TORNADO SIREN...



PRESS ESCAPE TO  
STOP THE SIREN.

