

APPENDIX F

NATURAL DISASTERS

General Guidance

The UNF COOP defines weather monitoring and University response to weather related threats. Faculty & Staff activities focus on safety issues and, in certain cases, the protection of University assets. Faculty & Staff are responsible for securing work area assets and for conducting preliminary damage assessments of work areas (see Appendix H).

Procedures to be followed by Faculty & Staff:

Hurricanes

- The University will be closed before travel conditions become dangerous and will not reopen until the environment is safe. Therefore there are no special on-campus safety guidelines for non-storm personnel and students.
- Faculty and Staff are required to secure their work areas for wind and flooding prior to being released.

Tropical Storms, Mid-Latitude Storms & Floods

- The University will be closed before travel conditions become dangerous and will not reopen until the environment is safe. Therefore there are no special on-campus safety guidelines for non-storm personnel and students.
- Faculty and Staff are required to secure their work areas for flooding prior to being released.

Thunderstorms

- Observe the following rules if lightning is occurring or is about to commence:
 - Avoid water fixtures, telephone lines, and any electrical conducting materials.
 - Stay inside buildings and off campus grounds.
- Campus buildings are designed to withstand significant damage resulting from thunderstorm wind, rain, hail and lightning strikes.

Tornadoes

- If a tornado is spotted or imminent take the following steps immediately:
 - Notification of a pending disaster will be announced (over the voice address system, text message, e-mail, or telephone) - fire/evacuation alarms are not to be activated.

- Evacuate all portables and temporary structures. Proceed immediately to a structurally secure building.
 - Do not seek shelter in Gyms, Auditoriums, and other large open areas.
 - Go to the interior area of the building.
 - Take cover under a sturdy object.
 - Protect your head, neck, and face.
 - Stay away from windows, glass and items that might fall.
- There is not a sufficient warning period to close the University or to effectively protect University assets. Therefore no special effort should be made to protect University assets; all attention should be directed towards life safety procedures.

Earthquakes

- If an earthquake strikes while you are in a building, take cover immediately under a sturdy object covering your head, neck and face. Be prepared to move with the object. To the extent possible, stay away from windows and items that might fall.
- Do not attempt an evacuation during the earthquake. Also be prepared for aftershocks.
- In outdoor areas, stay away from power lines, buildings, and any objects that might fall. In an automobile, pull off the road away from overpasses, bridges, and large structures that might fall.
- There is no warning period therefore all attention should be directed towards life safety procedures.