

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SEVERE WEATHER PLAN- STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL (SHELTER)

Every year in the United States, hundreds of people are killed and thousands injured because of the weather. Dangerous weather can take many forms, ranging from violent tornadoes to crippling winter storms. With the notable exception of hurricanes, Iowa can experience any of these dangerous phenomena.

While there is nothing, we can do to stop dangerous weather from affecting us. There are proactive decisions that can be made to remain safe when the weather turns nasty. Weather safety and survival, no matter what the hazard, depends on the following key items:

1. KNOW THE HAZARDS - Be aware of the hazards that you might face during a weather event. [Current weather hazards that could impact the campus can be found at the Pottawattamie County Hazard Mitigation Plan web page HERE.](#)

2. KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT DANGEROUS WEATHER - Monitor forecasts and information from your local news stations. [All members of the IWCC community can sign up for free severe weather alerts provided through the Alert Iowa system HERE.](#)

(Note: Be sure to use the IWCC primary address when signing up for alerts. Once you are no longer living or working on campus, you can log in to the account you created and cancel your selected alerts. The service is free of charge.)

3. PAY ATTENTION - Be aware of all watches, warnings, and advisories affecting you.

4. HAVE A PLAN TO STAY SAFE - Think about it before it happens and be ready to act to survive.

Severe Weather Shelters

Building Name	Location	
Clark Hall	Lower stairwells	
Fremont Hall	Restrooms Lower stairwells	
Ashley Hall	Lower Stairwell Hallway next to mailroom	
Stuart Hall	Restrooms	
Kanesville Hall	Old Gym	
Dodge Hall	Restrooms	
Arts Center	Lower stairwells w/out windows and lower-level restrooms Under the balcony of the main auditorium	
Student Center Cafeteria Level	East stairwell and storage rooms / Restrooms / locker room	

Student Center 2 nd Level	West stairwell	
Lewis Hall	North Restrooms closer to Fremont & Room 129 Shelter faculty kitchen	

Preschool/Child Care	Lewis Hall Room 142 or 160 or Restrooms	
Kinney Hall	Lower north corner Restrooms Lower-level Stairwells	
Looft Hall	Lower-Level Restrooms near Auditorium	
Hoover	Locker Room/Restroom	
Wellness Center	1 st Floor Restrooms/Locker Rooms & Interior Hallways	
Main Maintenance Building	Conference Room in Shipping and Receiving	
Lower Maintenance Building	Arts Center	
Power Plant	Office Area	
Reiver Performance Athletic Center	Lower-Level Restrooms and Locker Rooms	
Suites #1 and #2	First Floor Hallways, bathroom, and bedroom closets are recommended	
Towers	First Floor or Bathroom Areas	
Village	Bathroom Areas	
Sports Fields/Stadiums	Reiver Performance Athletic Center/ Arts Center/Kanesville Center/Wellness Center	
IWCC Centers	Interior Hallways, Storage Rooms, and Bathrooms	
Aviation	Tool Room, Interior Rooms, and Bathrooms	

FEMA recommends lowest level concrete block structures as far away from windows as possible in the event of tornados.