



THE RISK

Sleeping. Working. Playing baseball. Celebrating a graduation. He people most at risk in any severe weather situation are those who are not aware of the threat. Simply put: you must know in order to act! Once aware of an impending threat, you can take action to protect yourself, your family and friends, and sometimes even your property if time allows.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

When it comes to severe weather, outdoor warning sirens have one purpose and one purpose only—to alert people who are outdoors that a tornado warning has been issued for Athens-Clarke County and they should go inside and seek shelter.

Benefits:

- ⇒ Quickly notifies people outdoors that a tornado situation is occurring.
- ⇒ Many people can be notified

Limitations:

- ⇒ Designed to wake you up when you are indoors
- ⇒ Not meant to be heard indoors

In Athens-Clarke County there are 12 outdoor warning sirens. Four sirens are located on University of Georgia property.

Sirens are tested once each quarter on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 AM. If the weather is bad on that day, sirens will not be tested. The test will be rescheduled for the following Saturday.



INDOOR WARNING SYSTEMS

The primary indoor warning tool is NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards. Like a smoke detector, NOAA Weather Radio waits in a standby mode until a warning is issued. Then the National Weather Service issues a warning, NOAA Weather Radios in businesses and households throughout the threat area automatically alarm and broadcast the warning, allowing people to take appropriate actions.



Benefits:

- ⇒ Alert function wakes you up so you can take action!
- ⇒ Battery Backup
- ⇒ Programmable for the area of interest
- ⇒ Details about the threat at the touch of a button

Limitation:

- ⇒ People must choose to purchase and use it
- ⇒ Not everyone has one

Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio for your home and business. You may also want to



LIGHTNING PREDICTION SIRENS

Safety of the sports players and the spectators are the main concern at Athens-Clarke County Bishop Park.

No weather event is more dangerous than lightning. Because of this threat, a Lightning Prediction System has been installed on the roof of the Baseball Quad concession stand. This system can provide advanced warning of a lightning hazard, allowing citizens the time to seek shelter.

If lightning is detected in the area, citizens will be alerted by one loud horn blast that will last for 15 seconds. A strobe light, located with the horns will activate and remain active while under a lightning alert.

Upon hearing the horns, everyone should seek shelter in a safe environment
Immediately!

The system will determine when conditions are safe to return to previous activities. Three 5-second blasts will indicate that everything is clear and the strobe light will cease operation.

SEEK SHELTER AT: *Permanent Buildings or Vehicles*

AREAS TO AVOID:

Athletic Fields & Bleachers

Open Areas

Bodies of Water

Doors & Windows

Isolated Trees

High Elevations