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house, preferably a room without windows such as a bathroom or a closet. Get under a sturdy piece of furniture like a table and cover your head. If you live in a mobile home or are traveling in an automobile, you need to get out since they offer little or no protection. If you are in an automobile, you should never try to outrun a tornado. Go to a ditch and lie flat in it if you are outside. If you are at school when a tornado occurs, follow your teacher's directions and remain calm. Once the tornado is over, stay inside until it is safe outside. Stay away from downed power lines and out of damaged buildings.

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Answers will vary. It is important to know what to do during a tornado.

Concluding sentence:

Answers will vary. So be sure everyone in your family knows what to do if a tornado strikes.

