



FEATURES OF SHELTER:

- ✦ **Size:** Start at 7' x 10' and accommodates 10-15 people.
- ✦ **Easy Access:** Easily accessible. No stairs or steps. Wheelchair accessible models available.
- ✦ **Safety:** "Decades ahead of the industry", we were the first above ground shelter to use the ultra-modern baffled entry system and always have.
- ✦ **Safety Zone:** Situated behind the Debris Stop.
- ✦ **Material:** Reinforced concrete (special mix). Monolithic pour: the concrete in this shelter is poured at one time, including the top. There are no cold joints.
- ✦ **Weight:** Shelter and lock down system weighs a minimum of 50,000 pounds.
- ✦ **Appearance:** Can be adapted to blend in with its surroundings. Attractive inside and out.
- ✦ **Equipped:** Inside has "touch" lights, indoor/outdoor carpeting and bench seating. Seating is installed in the Safety Zone, behind the Debris Stop. Interior chip shield means no raw concrete is exposed.

WHY SO MANY TORNADOES?

- ✦ The United States covers only 2 percent of the earth's mass. More tornadoes occur here than any other place on earth.
- ✦ The combination of the cool, dry air from Canada, the warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico, the Rocky Mountains and the westerly winds (which are the dominant winds of the U.S. and blow from west to east) create the "ideal climate" for the development of tornadoes.
- ✦ The United States, in an average year, has 1,200 tornadoes and there have been 148 tornadoes within a 24-hour period.
- ✦ Tornadoes can occur in every state in every month of the year except in Alaska and Hawaii.
- ✦ Tornado season starts in the Deep South early in the year and moves north. The peak time for tornadoes for Kentucky and Indiana is April, May and June.
- ✦ Forty-two percent of the tornadoes in the U.S. occur in May and June.
- ✦ Global warming is real. Natural disasters have increased more than four fold since the 1950s.

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STORM SAFETY



Due to modern technology, the national weather service and weather forecasters have advanced tools for predicting weather.

Doppler radar has increased the accuracy of tornado predictions. Doppler radar detects the circular movements

inside a storm that develop into tornadoes.

The radar can predict a tornado about 25 minutes before it emerges from the base of the clouds. This gives just enough time to send out warnings so that you can seek *proper shelter* that is designed to protect you and your family from possible destruction and devastation.

If you are seeking shelter in a closet, a bathtub or a basement you need a First Walk-In Storm Shelter.



Thirty years of research and development have made the *First Walk-In Storm Shelter* a very safe, affordable, attractive and *modern* shelter! Visit our website at www.firstwalkinstormshelter.com to learn more!

TORNADO TESTED

A tornado creates sudden changes in air pressure and these cause most of the damage. At the center of the tornado, the air pressure is very low. The pressure inside the houses on the ground remains normal. As the tornado passes over, the sudden drop in outside air pressure causes the air inside the house to expand violently. As a result, the house explodes like a burst balloon.



In an “Exposure C” (the most severe exposure in open, flat terrain), with a 300 mph wind, this shelter would receive 12,000 lbs. of wind pressure, just 1/3 of its minimum desired strength. One of our shelters, pictured below, withstood a direct hit from an F3 tornado in 2004. This was the same tornado that caused the damage to the home shown above.



Notice the uprooted tree.

COMPANY INFORMATION



April 3rd, 1974, one of the most severe storms in history traveled across the Midwest. Charlie McKnight was working in the small town of Borden, Indiana when an F3 tornado ripped through the town causing extreme damage. Nearby, in the town of Brandenburg, Kentucky an F5 tornado hit. The devastating loss of life and property compelled Charlie to act on an idea he had to develop a safe haven for people during such severe storms.

Over the next 30 years, Charlie has built what some experts call the “best shelter available”. His focus on quality and continuous improvements allowed him to construct a storm shelter that exceeds FEMA’s standards.

In 2004, near the same small town where Charlie had been working in ‘74, one of his shelters received a direct hit from an F3 tornado. Completed just two days before the tornado hit, the paint had not even had time to dry; however, the family who owned the shelter was able to ride the storm out in safety.

The First Walk-In Shelter Company is a family owned company based in Salem, Indiana. If you would like more information about our company, please contact us and we will be happy to be of service.

Your family’s safety is our number one priority!

A First Walk-In Storm Shelter will make the house that you like into the home that you love and feel secure in.