

## Tornado Watch and Flash Flood Watch

The National Weather Service has issued a tornado watch and a flash flood watch for the Mobile area in association with Tropical Storm Isaac. The University expects this to be a continuous status throughout the tropical storm, so please consider the University's alert to be active until the tropical storm has passed.

A tornado watch means conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes in and around the watch area. People in the affected areas are encouraged to be vigilant in preparation for severe weather.

A tornado watch is upgraded to a tornado warning if spotters have sighted a tornado or one has been indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area. If a tornado warning has been issued, people in the affected area are strongly encouraged to take cover immediately. In the event of a tornado warning, USA will sound its outdoor alarm system. In case of a tornado, the National Weather Service recommends moving to centermost part of your basement, home or building -- away from windows and preferably under something sturdy like a workbench, piece of furniture or staircase. The more walls between you and the outside, the better.

A flash flood watch means conditions are favorable for rising water and people in the affected areas should be vigilant, especially when crossing roads in low lying areas. Never cross a road that is covered by moving water.

For more information on weather safety, go to [Weather.com](http://Weather.com).