



I've attended a spotter class...and I'm a spotter...now what do I do?



...Before the storm...

- Become familiar with material found on the "SkyWarn" web page (don't forget the slide shows)...
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx/?n=spotters>
- Join the MidWest Severe Storm Tracking/Response Center team to become more organized and learn new things. <http://www.midwestsstrc.org/> Attend their meetings.
- Monitor the weather situation. Find out via the media and the internet if severe weather is a possibility in your area. <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hazards/mkx>
- Safety is your #1 priority for you and your family. Make sure your family has an emergency supply kit, and that they know how to enact your family safety plan. If you are not safe, we don't need your severe weather report.



...During the storm...

- Serve as a volunteer spotter for your family by looking for severe weather and seeking safety.
- Assuming you and your family are safe, serve as a volunteer spotter for your community by looking for severe weather. If you experience severe weather (must meet severe weather criteria)....
 - Radio or telephone your severe weather report to MidWest SSTRC, or
 - Call 911 (only for tornadoes, hail \geq 1 inch, flash flooding, wind damage or gusts \geq 60 mph)
 - Send your report via the internet: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx/?n=spotters>

...After the storm...

- If your residence was affected by the severe storm, assess and respond to your family first.
- Don't hinder any search & rescue operations or recovery operations....i.e. don't get in the way of first responders and others doing their job.
- Assuming you and your family are safe, and you have the proper training & certification, serve as a volunteer first responder for your community...if you are needed.
- If you have time, follow-up your original severe weather report with updated information that wasn't initially available. Send updated information to the NWS.
- Share what you have learned with other severe weather spotters and plan on attending future spotter classes.