



Northern Illinois
University

Campus Tornado Shelters

Weather Department
Environmental Health & Safety
Northern Illinois University

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A

Academic Advising Center:

- South/southwest end of the basement.
- Avoid utility room on basement southeast side

Adams Hall:

- Men's room, hallway lower level
- Avoid 5000 volt electrical room

Altgeld Hall:

- Men's restroom, first floor, room 104
- Handicapped ramp, east side of main entrance (surrounded by walls)
- North NIU Art Museum, rooms 110 A and B
- Hallway, first floor: In front of men's restroom, room 104; and in front of women's restroom, room 126. In other words, either side of main entrance, but away from the main entrance

Anderson Hall:

- Men's Restrooms (Rms 103, 124)
- Women's Restrooms (Rms 107, 120, 129)

B

Barsema Hall:

- Men's restroom adjacent to rooms 119 and 127
- Women's restroom adjacent to rooms 104 and 132
- All classrooms/labs on 1st floor: Rooms 104, 110, 111, 113, 119, 127, 131, 132, 133, 140
- Hallway between rooms 104 and 110
- Hallway between rooms 111 and 119

Barsema Alumni and Visitor's Center:

- Go to the basement. Fill up men's/women's restroom first, then fill up basement AWAY from north-facing windows.

C

Campus Life Building

- 1st Floor Vending Machine Lounge Area, under tables

Campus Police/Telecommunications:

- Men's/Women's Restrooms
- B-06, B-07, lower level

Center for Black Studies:

- Men's/Women's Restrooms inner restroom on west side

Center For The Study Of Family Violence And Sexual Assault:

- Go to the basement; men's and women's restrooms should be filled first, followed by interior rooms.

Chick Evans Fieldhouse:

- Head to Gabel Hall lower level and their hallways; see listing for [Gabel](#) for full details.

Convocation Center:

- Main concourse north lobby women's restroom
- All restrooms labelled "family restrooms"
- Stairwell 3-lower level
- 6 auxiliary locker rooms (Rooms 190, A-E)
- East-west interior hallway outside of rooms 190 A-E
- Room 138-reception room
- Room 135-police holding room
- Hallways outside rooms 133-135
- Room 134-break room
- Locker rooms 140, 145
- Room 149-emergency assistance room
- Room 180-equipment issue room
- North-south interior hallway
- Room 165-men's locker room
- Room 155-women's locker room
- Room 170 A-J: training room including offices

Cole Hall:

- Go to the lower level, men's/women's restrooms are best, as well as hallways away from any windows.

D

Davis Hall:

- Lower level, all hallways and restrooms not adjacent to furnace room or outside exit

Dorland Building

- Lower level men's/women's interior restrooms
- Dorland Building/Transportation:
 - Inner women's restroom
 - Service Pit with at least one more beam over it

DuSable:

- Go to 100 level classrooms and hallways. Stay against walls if possible. Stay away from windows on east side.
- Use windowless stairways if full
- If all of 100 level is full, use 200 level interior classrooms only

E

East Heating Plant:

- Under stairs by offices, handicap restroom first floor

Engineering Building:

- CAD Lab (Room 125) under desks
- Room 101, Auditorium, under the stairs by Room 101A
- Men's/women's restrooms, next to room 105F, lower level

F

Faraday East:

- Men's/Women's restrooms, first floor
- Inner hallways away from windows

Founders Library Lower Level:

- Inner Stairways
- Men's/women's restrooms under escalators
- South hallway next to escalators
- Acquisitions hallway; hallway to right of staff hallway
- Acquisitions under table away from window

G

Gabel Hall:

- Men's Pool Locker Room - 118
- Women's Pool Locker Room - 118
- Faculty Women's restroom - 11
- Faculty Men's restroom - 12
- Men's and Women's restrooms - 123/125 (121/121A on door)
- Child Care restroom - 165
- Hallways against lockers, away from windows
- Child Care Center under desks
- Learning Center under desks, away from windows

Gender & Sexuality Resource Center

- Basement, away from windows

Gilbert Hall

- Hallways in front of rooms 201-249, and 202-248
- Shower pods ONLY in rooms 236 (men's restroom), 249 (women's restroom)
- Men's interior restroom stalls in room 236
- Food service area: Manager's office (room 110), dry storage (room 122)

Graham Hall:

- Hall outside Graham computer lab (outside rooms 140-142)
- Graham Lounge - Room 133
- Men's/Women's restrooms - rooms 126,128
- Hallway in front of Physical Education and Therapy

Grant North towers:

- Use main stairwells and head to the basement. Fill up lower hallways, laundry rooms, and lounge area.

Grant South towers:

- Use main stairwells and fill up lower hallways and laundry rooms. If hallways and laundry rooms are full, please go to the Grant North lounge.

Grounds:

- Go to [Huskie Stadium](#)

H

Health Services:

- Men's/women's restrooms
- Rooms 3 & 7, 19 & 21
- Hallway in front of restrooms

Holmes Student Center:

- Basement next to Off-campus and Non-traditional Student Services office, anywhere away from outside doors and windows.

Human Resources:

- Room 100 in center of building
- If time allows, head to [Stevenson Towers](#) basement.

Huskie Stadium:

- West building, lower level concourse areas away from exposed areas. Start with interior hallways on lowest level and work your way up, depending on the amount of people

I

IASBO (I.A. Building):

- Go to basement, stay away from windows and get under tables
- Alternate: Men's/women's restrooms, rooms 120 and 121

J

(Former) John Deere building:

- Head to restrooms on east side of building or huddle under desks IF there is no time.
- If there is more than 5 minutes of warning time, head to the [Convocation Center](#) or even better, [Stevenson](#) residence halls.

L

LaTourette Hall:

- Men's/Women's restrooms, first floor
- Inner hallways away from windows

Lowden Hall:

- Men's/women's restrooms (rooms 104 B & C)
- Staff lounge, under tables and away from door and non-see-through window
- Next to stairs across from 104B

M

Math/Psych Building:

- Men's/women's restrooms (rooms 26 & 6)
- ACS Lab (rooms 51, 53)
- Hallway to left of elevator in front of rooms 26-34

McMurry Hall:

- Restrooms
- Rooms 121 & 135

Monat Building

- Lower level hallway; past the lounge and before the classroom
- Overflow: go to lounge
- First floor kitchen/lounge

Monsanto Building:

- **Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, Wellness Literacy, ITS, Community Cares Clinic:**
Stay in interior rooms, except those with one-way glass windows. Otherwise:
 - Rooms 1162-1163A, 1152-1159
 - Restrooms - 1145, 1147
 - Interior hallways outside rooms 1216-1226, 1242-1243 and 1219, 1245-1254, 1106-1133, 1140-1144, 1145-1168
- **Tri-County Health Department:**
 - Rooms 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033 are best
 - Rooms 1033, 1034 and restrooms are good
- **Physical Therapy Clinic:** Rm 1305 and hallway outside. Close doors in this hallway after rooms are empty.
- **LW Building:** The small men's/ women's restrooms, and room 150...avoid outside doors
- **University Press:**
 - Best: Men's and women's restroom
 - Good: Storage next to room 186

Montgomery Hall:

- Men's/Women's Restrooms 102, 100
- Hallway in front of Rm 100 and all areas away from windows
- Terrwilliger/Montgomery Auditorium:
 - Men's Restroom 228
 - Women's Restroom 230
 - Stairways leading to 2nd floor

Music Building:

- Men's Room 115, 149, 166
- Women's Room 145, 164
- Hallway to Room 154
- Music Library: go to interior hallways with no windows

N

Neptune Central:

- Laundry rooms and restrooms
- Trident lounge

Neptune - East and West:

- Floors 2, 3, & 4 - go to first floor restrooms and inner hallways (first floor will be opened by residents). First floor residents: go to hallways and restrooms.
- Use Neptune Central for overflow

Neptune North:

- Neptune North EVEN: Use the main or far east stairs (near laundry room) to get to the basement. Fill up hallways and the art gallery, but stay away from the windows in the art gallery.
- Neptune North ODD: Use the far west stairs, and head into the tunnel connecting Neptune North and Central. Use Neptune Central's Trident Lounge if the tunnel is full.

New Residence Hall:

- Dining area: Men's and women's restrooms.
- West and east wings: Basement areas (should occupant access be available)
- Lowest level interior corridors excluding the elevator lobby
- Small hallways, within the common cluster areas, away from the windows
- Middle stairway
- Individual unit toilet room, including the shower
- Unit vestibule if toilet room is full
- Cluster B living area away from windows (Cluster A living areas are NOT acceptable due to windows in the immediate vicinity)
- **NOTE: All doors leading into the unit vestibule should be CLOSED to prevent injury in the event severe weather causes damage to the building.**

Northern Broadcast Center (WNIU/WNIJ):

- Newsroom/WNIU/WNIJ
- Control rooms
- Staff lounge
- Men's/women's restrooms

Northern Television Center:

- Control Room A
- Men's/women's restroom

Northern View Apartments:

- First floor residents: go to the restroom, jump in the bathtub and put a mattress over your head.
- Second and third floor: Go under the stairwell on the first floor; if possible, if you know someone on the first floor, knock on the door and ask to use their bathtub/mattress for shelter.

Nursing:

- Tornado Centers designated
- Restrooms and center hallway (140 area)

P

Parking Garage:

- Go to [Davis Hall](#) or [Founders Library](#)

Parking Services:

- Inner hallway restroom and storeroom

Physical Plant:

- Men's Room in front of carpenter shop

R

Reavis Hall

- Go to 100 level hallways (112-123)

Rec Center:

- Men's/Women's Locker Rooms under benches, against lockers, in showers

S

Social Science Research Institute:

- Hallway, lower level, past the lounge and before lower level classroom
- Overflow: go to lounge
- 1st floor: kitchen/lounge

Stevens Building:

- 1st floor, north side between the bathrooms in the anthropology hall.
- North entrance to the theater arts wing.

Stevenson North towers:

- Use the lobby stairs to access the basement. Fill up lower hallways, laundry rooms, and lower lounge.

Stevenson South towers:

- Basement computer lab, hallways, loading dock area, and dining locker rooms.

Still Gym:

- Stairway next to 101-1
- Cubby in front of welding Technology or behind room 102
- Men's restroom room 208 (not women's)

Still Hall

- Lower level women's restroom, lounge, hallway in front of lockers

Swen Parson:

- Women's/men's restrooms (rooms 143, 145)
- Hallway between 155 & 168
- Men's restroom, Rm 168
- Women's restroom, Rm 169
- Hallway between 169 & 172
- Women's/Men's restroom 183 & 185
- Room 120: Go to Rooms 10 & 12 under desks
- Rooms 131,132, 134, 135 under desks
- Room 136 under tables

V**Visual Arts Building:**

- Hallway in front of Room 107
- Ceramics stairway by Room 114
- Men's/women's restrooms (men's is safer)
- 100 Room Auditoriums: If no space, use these and get under tables

W**Watson Hall**

- Go to 100 level hallways (112-123)

West Heating Plant:

- Evacuate to [Grant](#) if time allows
- If no time, then use locker room

Williston Hall:

- Lower level, maintenance hallway

Wirtz:

- Across from 116D-E and in adjacent hallways

Y**Yordon Center:**

- Men's Locker Room and restrooms within locker room
- Student Athlete Support Services (the rooms, and the inner hallway are both acceptable)
- Women's and Men's restrooms, lower level
- Coaches' local room, if unlocked

Z**Zulauf:**

- Basement and basement stairway
- When full use 1st floor hallway.