

TORNADO REPORT CHECKLIST

Basic Information

Time of Call: _____

Name of Caller [First and Last] _____

Caller Phone Number (in case we need to call them back) _____

Caller Location (i.e. 10 miles east of Hershey): _____

Direction of tornado relative to caller (N, S, E, W? miles away?): _____

How long has it been on the ground? _____

“ARE YOU IN A SAFE LOCATION FOR US TO ASK YOU A FEW MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TORNADO”

More information for the warning forecaster:

Is the tornado still on the ground? Yes No I don't know

—————> IF THEY ANSWER “YES” OR “I DON’T KNOW”

Can you see debris or dust being kicked up by the tornado? _____

Do you see flashes of light (power flashes)? _____

Do you see any damage caused by the tornado from your location? Yes No

Did you have a picture? If so, are you able to email it to nws.northplatte@noaa.gov?

Remarks and Notes: -

YOUR INITIALS: _____ Today's Date: _____

Damage Indicators – what we need pictures of in order to rate a tornado:

Table 1 –Enhanced Fujita Scale Damage Indicators

#	Damage Indicator and Abbreviation	#	Damage Indicator and Abbreviation
1	Small Barns or Farm Outbuildings (SBO)	15	Elementary School [Single Story; Interior or Exterior Hallways] (ES)
2	One- or Two-Family Residences (FR12)	16	Junior or Senior High School (JHSH)
3	Manufactured Home – Single Wide (MHSW)	17	Low-Rise Building [1–4 Stories] (LRB)
4	Manufactured Home – Double Wide (MHDW)	18	Mid-Rise Building [5–20 Stories] (MRB)
5	Apartments, Condos, Townhouses [3 stories or less] (ACT)	19	High-Rise Building [More than 20 Stories] (HRB)
6	Motel (M)	20	Institutional Building [Hospital, Government or University Building] (IB)
7	Masonry Apartment or Motel Building (MAM)	21	Metal Building System (MBS)
8	Small Retail Building [Fast Food Restaurants] (SRB)	22	Service Station Canopy (SSC)
9	Small Professional Building [Doctor’s Office, Branch Banks] (SPB)	23	Warehouse Building [Tilt-up Walls or Heavy-Timber Construction] (WHB)
10	Strip Mall (SM)	24	Electrical Transmission Lines (ETL)
11	Large Shopping Mall (LSM)	25	Free-Standing Towers (FST)
12	Large, Isolated Retail Building [K-Mart, Wal-Mart] (LIRB)	26	Free-Standing Light Poles, Luminary Poles, Flag Poles (FSP)
13	Automobile Showroom (ASR)	27	Trees: Hardwood (TH)
14	Automobile Service Building (ASB)	28	Trees: Softwood (TS)

An empty pivot can be flipped by 70 mph winds, a full pivot takes about 100mph winds to flip it.