In the United States, most tornados occur in the spring and summer in an area called Tornado Alley.

Here, warm air from the Gulf of Mexico meets cold air from the Rocky Mountains and Canada.

**Watch or Warning?**

**Watch** means a tornado watch means the weather conditions are right for a tornado, but that a tornado has not yet formed. Stay alert and listen to the radio!

**Warning** means a tornado has been spotted in your area. Go immediately to the basement. If you’re outside, lie down in a ditch.