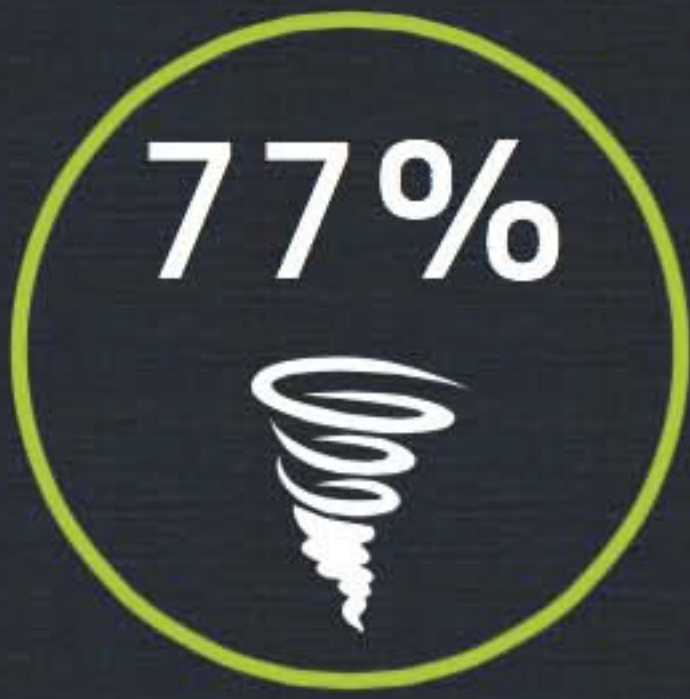


# Preparing Your Property for High Winds



The amount of tornadoes each year that have wind speeds less than 110 mph.

Source: National Climatic Data Center



Openings allow air pressure to build up inside a structure like inflating a balloon. This puts internal pressure on the roof, and once the roof fails the entire structure can collapse within seconds.

## How Are Tornadoes Rated?

The Enhanced Fujita scale (EF scale) is a set of wind estimates (not measurements) based on damage. It uses three-second gusts estimated at the point of damage.

Source: National Weather Service



## How You Can Prepare



Prevent vegetation from becoming flying debris by maintaining your yard.

<http://bit.ly/2ZcFrEn>



Inspect your roof for any signs of damage. An already damaged roof can result in even more costly damage later.

<http://bit.ly/2ByTpo8>



Have a plan for where to go when a tornado threatens and how to communicate with loved ones.

<http://bit.ly/2lnmycS>



Secure carports, lanais and other attached structures to minimize risk of significant damage to your home or business.

<http://bit.ly/2UCUCrN>



Make the right choice when selecting a roof contractor.

<http://bit.ly/2Qtb5cb>



Create a continuous load path means tying the roof to the walls and walls to foundation. Without these connections your house is vulnerable to wind forces.

<http://bit.ly/2yGlbG8>

Additional information is available at [DisasterSafety.org/Tornado](http://DisasterSafety.org/Tornado)