

CENTRAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



“COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM”

Central City Public Schools is proud to offer our students and community a Tornado Safe Room designated to provide life-safety protection to its occupants at near absolute protection against 250 mph wind speeds. The Bison Activity Dome is a dual-purpose facility that serves as a gymnasium and activity center for the School District, while also providing a safe room for students and the community.

The Bison Activity Dome is located at 1510 28th Street and parking can be found South and North of the facility. Per FEMA requirements, the facility is required to open in the event that a Tornado Warning is issued for Merrick County, Nebraska. The Bison Activity Dome Safe Room will **only utilize the National Weather Service (NWS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), or Central City’s Emergency Management Director** for the issuance of such warnings and the District **WILL NOT** follow Tornado Warnings issued by other agencies (cell providers, broadcasters, or weather applications). The Safe Room has been designed to protect 2,865 individuals within the half-mile radius or five-minute walk from the facility. If NWS, NOAA, or Central City’s Emergency Management Director issues a Tornado Warning for Merrick County, Nebraska, the four exterior doors labeled D-8 through D-11 will automatically unlock to patrons. These designated doors are located at each side of the facility and are accessible via sidewalk and parking near the Safe Room. During a Tornado Warning, those four designated doors will remain unlocked for nine minutes, per FEMA requirements. School personnel will be on-site during any NWS, NOAA, or Central City Emergency Management Director’s Tornado Warning events.

The District is not required to open the facility for any events beyond Tornado Warnings issued by NWS, NOAA, or the Central City Emergency Management Director, but may choose to do so. If the District elects to open for other weather events, the public will be notified through the District’s various Social Media Applications: <https://twitter.com/CCBisonPride>, <https://www.facebook.com/centralcitypublicschools>, and/or <https://www.facebook.com/CentralCityHighSchoolActivities>. If the District opens the Safe Room for any other purpose than a NWS/NOAA Tornado Warning, the main high school doors will be opened and patrons may begin to access the Safe Room through the commons by entering the large double roll-up doors.

Patrons are required to follow all Safe Room rules and procedures. Those rules and procedures can be found on the following document: Bison Activity Dome – Community Safe Room Rules and Procedures.

Additional information can be found on the Central City Public Schools Website (<https://www.centralcityschoolsne.org>). Plans will be periodically updated and shared through the District’s social media platforms, the Republican Nonpareil, and other District communication avenues.