Potential Impact and Damage From a Tornado

Managing Risk | EF Scale | Description of Damage
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The Threat to Property and Personal Safety Can Be Mitigated Through Compliance With Up-To-Date Model Building Codes and Engineering Standards | EF0 | Light: Chimneys are damaged, tree branches are broken, shallow-rooted trees are toppled.
Property and Personal Protection Can Be Improved Through Wind Hazard Mitigation Techniques Not Normally Required by Current Building Codes | EF1 | Moderate: Roof surfaces are peeled off, windows are broken, some tree trunks are snapped, unanchored mobile homes are overturned, attached garages may be destroyed.
EF2 | Considerable: Roof structures are damaged, mobile homes are destroyed, debris becomes airborne (missiles are generated), large trees are snapped or uprooted.
EF3 | Severe: Roofs and some walls are torn from structures, some small buildings are destroyed, non-reinforced masonry buildings are destroyed, most trees in forest are uprooted.
EF4 | Devastating: Well-constructed houses are destroyed, some structures are lifted from foundations and blown some distance, cars are blown some distance, large debris becomes airborne.
EF5 | Incredible: Strong frame houses are lifted from foundations, reinforced concrete structures are damaged, automobile-sized missiles become airborne, trees are completely debarked.