

Storm Chasers (Ed Stanley)

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Spotting Storms

Storm spotters are often volunteers. They spend hours watching the skies for signs of a storm. They know what to look for and how to relay what they see. Most of them work as part of a network. When they sight signs of a severe storm, they report it to their local weather centre. This information is then sent to towns and cities to warn them of the coming storm.

Some storm spotters move from place to place in their cars or trucks but most spot storms from fixed places. Spotters play an important role. Even with today's advanced radar systems, their reports help save lives and property.

Safety First

Storm chasing is dangerous. The best storm chasers respect the awesome forces of nature. They have studied weather patterns and have learned much about severe storms. They get just close enough to watch a storm but stay far enough away to be safe. Only the experts should chase storms. When a storm warning is in effect, all others should follow safety guidelines.

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