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# Tornadoes in France

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Tornadoes occur at a maximum, and are unknown (3) night tornadoes. The direction of the country, except the risk probability

The direction of the tornadoes is generally from South-West to North-East in the major part of the country, except in the South where the direction is sometimes from South to North.

The risk probability for France, calculated over the period 1960-1999, is approximately  $0,5 \times 10^{-5}$  per year (for tornadoes of intensity F2 or greater) in the current database, with large regional variations. 36 killing tornadoes were listed (12 % of the cases), most of them of intensity F3 or greater.