

Great American Storm Shelters, LLC

Providing a Safe Haven Against Nature's Fury



Owner Mike Smith has been building custom homes for more than 15 years and has built many basement-type storm shelters over the years. At the suggestion of a friend, he began researching a new and innovative type of shelter designed to be installed in slab-built homes or those that have a garage or carport. After touring the manufacturing facility in Oklahoma and assisting with the installation of multiple shelters, Smith decided to launch Great American Shelters. The company installs shelters in four states: Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia, and has plans to expand in the near future.

local emergency management officials can ensure that the shelter has been cleared and everyone is safe.

“While we were in Oklahoma installing shelters, a customer called to advise us that they had survived an F5 tornado by seeking cover in a shelter we had installed in their home,” says Smith. “We are proud of the fact that we are saving lives and offering an affordable product that gives families peace of mind.”

Great American Storm Shelters, LLC is located at 241 Blacksmith Lane, Wilsonville, Alabama. For more information, call 1-800-915-SAFE or visit www.takingshelter.com.

Anyone who lives in the Southeast knows the destruction that tornadoes and severe storms can create. Storms often leave behind widespread physical damage, but they also take an emotional toll. The terror that even the threat of severe weather can cause weighs heavily on the minds of residents in storm-prone areas.

Great American Storm Shelters offers a simple, safe and affordable place for you and your loved ones to take cover during a storm. The shelters can be installed in existing homes and can be accessed from the interior of the home; this means you do not have to go outside and expose yourself to inclement weather in order to reach the shelter.

The in-garage shelter is an indoor, underground shelter, which can be installed in an existing garage or covered outdoor concrete slab area. Built to FEMA specifications, the shelter can hold 8-12 people and has a dual-door system, a feature that gives an alternate exit option in case of disaster.

The Safe Room product is an above-ground shelter that bolts to the existing concrete floor and can be custom built to fit in a new home. The Safe Room is an excellent option for people who have difficulty with stairs or have a handicap.

After install, each shelter location is entered into a Global Positioning System (GPS) so that, in the event of a disaster,

