



Lightning/Thunderstorm Scenario

WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS

Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather-related hazards.

PREPARE NOW

- Know your area's risk of thunderstorms. They can occur year-round and at any hour.
- Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Identify sturdy buildings close to where you live, work, study, and play.
- Cut down or trim trees that may be in danger of falling on your home.
- Consider buying surge protectors, lightning rods, or a lightning protection system to protect your home, appliances, and electronic devices.
- Secure outside furniture.

SURVIVE DURING

- When you receive a thunderstorm warning or hear thunder, go inside immediately. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm. No place outside is safe. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, keep moving towards safe shelter.
 - Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges, or peaks.
 - Never lie flat on the ground. ...
 - Never shelter under an isolated tree.
 - Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.
 - Immediately get out of and away from ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water.
- Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of thunderstorms. Be ready to change plans, if necessary, to be near shelter.
- If indoors, avoid running water or using landline phones. Electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.
- Protect your property. Unplug appliances and other electric devices.
- If boating or swimming, get to land and find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.
- If necessary, take shelter in a car with a metal top and sides. Do not touch anything metal.
- Avoid flooded roadways. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

BE SAFE AFTER

- Listen to authorities and weather forecasts for information on whether it is safe to go outside and instructions regarding potential flash flooding.
- Watch for fallen power lines and trees. Report them immediately.