

LIGHTNING SAFETY

THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE OUTSIDE WHEN THUNDERSTORMS ARE IN THE AREA. IF YOU HEAR THUNDER, YOU ARE LIKELY WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE STORM. REMEMBER, WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS. UNFORTUNATELY, DELAYED ACTIONS LEAD TO MANY OF THE LIGHTNING DEATHS AND INJURIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- NO PLACE OUTSIDE IS SAFE WHEN THUNDERSTORMS ARE IN THE AREA!!
- IF YOU HEAR THUNDER, LIGHTNING IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO STRIKE YOU.
- WHEN YOU HEAR THUNDER, **IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO SAFE SHELTER**: A SUBSTANTIAL BUILDING WITH ELECTRICITY OR PLUMBING OR AN ENCLOSED, METAL-TOPPED VEHICLE WITH WINDOWS UP.
- STAY IN SAFE SHELTER AT LEAST 30 MINUTES AFTER YOU HEAR THE LAST SOUND OF THUNDER.

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- STAY OFF CORDED PHONES, COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THAT PUT YOU IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH ELECTRICITY.
- AVOID PLUMBING, INCLUDING SINKS, BATHS AND FAUCETS.
 - STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND DOORS, AND STAY OFF PORCHES.
- DO NOT LIE ON CONCRETE FLOORS, AND DO NOT LEAN AGAINST CONCRETE WALLS.

LAST RESORT OUTDOOR RISK REDUCTION TIPS

- IF YOU ARE CAUGHT OUTSIDE WITH NO SAFE SHELTER ANYWHERE NEARBY THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS MAY REDUCE YOUR RISK:
 - 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 AND AWAY FROM PONDS, LAKES AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER
- STAY AWAY FROM OBJECTS THAT CONDUCT ELECTRICITY (BARBED WIRE FENCES, POWER LINES, WINDMILLS, ETC.)

THUNDERSTORM, LIGHTNING, OR HAIL

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

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Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning.

50+ MPH
Include powerful winds

Create lightning and hail

Cause flash flooding and tornadoes

IF YOU ARE UNDER A THUNDERSTORM WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

When thunder roars, go indoors.

Pay attention to alerts and warnings.

Move from outdoors into a building or car.

Unplug appliances.

Do not use landline phones.