

BE PREPARED FOR A 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.



Include powerful winds



Create lightning and hail



Cause flash flooding and tornadoes

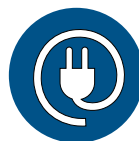
IF YOU ARE UNDER A THUNDERSTORM WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

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.

HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A THUNDERSTORM THREATENS

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 thunder roars, go indoors. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of thunderstorms. Be ready to change plans, if necessary, to be near shelter.

When you receive a thunderstorm warning or hear thunder, go inside immediately.

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. Turn Around Don't Drown®. 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

Pay attention to authorities and weather forecasts to know whether it is safe to go outside and to get information regarding potential flash flooding.

Watch for fallen power lines and trees. Report them immediately.



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Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to [Ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning](https://www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning). Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for **thunderstorm, lightning or hail**.