

**When  
Thunder  
Roars,  
Go Indoors!**



**STOP** all activities.

Seek shelter in a substantial building  
or hard-topped vehicle.

Wait 30 minutes after the storm to  
resume activities.



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## LIGHTNING AWARENESS

Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena—lightning. Though lightning strikes peak in summer, people are struck year-round. In the United States, an average of 51 people is killed each year by lightning, and hundreds more are severely injured.

### Lightning: 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.

### Indoor Lightning Safety

- 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.)

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