

Severe Weather Safety Tips

...from the National Weather Service



Tornado Safety:



- In Homes or Small Buildings...
 - Go to the basement or a small interior room.
 - Cover your head.
 - Stay away from windows.
- In Mobile Homes or Vehicles...
 - Do not try to outrun the tornado in your car.
 - Get to the nearest shelter.
 - If a shelter is not available, as a last resort either:
 - Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows and cover it with your hands.
 - or*
 - Lie flat in a ditch and cover your head with your hands.



Hurricane Safety:

- Create an emergency supply kit.
- Help parents prepare for bad weather.
- Stay indoors.
- Follow local radio/TV stations for weather and specific instructions.
- Evacuate the area when instructed by local officials.



Lightning Safety:



- Indoors...
 - Stay away from windows and doors.
 - Turn off the TV and computer.
 - Stay away from sinks and tubs.
 - Use phones or cell phones for emergencies **ONLY**.
 - Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.
- Outdoors...
 - If you can hear thunder, lightning can strike.
 - Stay away from anything metal.
 - Stay away from pools and lakes.
 - Avoid open spaces, but **never** stand under a tree.
 - Get to a home or large building.

***When Thunder Roars,
GO INDOORS!***

Flash Flood Safety:

- Move to higher ground and stay away from storm drains, ditches, and streams.



- Stay away from flooded areas. Never walk or swim in flood waters.
- Remind parents and adults that driving into water of unknown depths or around barricades is dangerous, especially at night.

Turn Around...Don't Drown!



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