

**During lightning storms, NO place outside is safe.**

**If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.** When you hear thunder immediately move to a safe shelter (an enclosed building or car with closed doors and windows). Stay inside for 30 minutes after the last thunderclap.

While inside:

- **Stay off corded electronics.** Touching electronics that are plugged in to the wall puts you in direct contact with electricity
- **Avoid plumbing.** Pipes, faucets, sinks, and baths conduct electricity because they're metal and carry water.
- **Stay away from openings.** Keep windows and doors closed. Stay off porches.
- **Don't touch concrete.** Don't lay on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

If you're stuck outside:

- **Avoid open areas.** Do not be the tallest object in the area.
- **Move to low ground.** Stay off hills, mountain tops, and ridges.
- **Never lie flat on the ground.** Reduce your body contact with the ground.
- **Stay away from tall objects.** Avoid isolated trees and poles.
- **Stay away from metal.** Avoid fences, power lines, and towers. Metal can conduct electricity over long distances.
- **Stay away from water.** Avoid rivers, lakes, ponds, and pools.
- **If you are with a group of people, spread out.** While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.