

Lightning Safety Week

Facts about Thunderstorms & Lightning

Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 18-24

There is no safe place outside when thunderstorms are in the area. If you hear Thunder, you're likely within striking distance of the storm. Just remember:
"When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!"



Facts about Thunderstorms

- They may occur singly, in clusters or in lines.
- Some of the most severe storms occur with a single thunderstorm affects one location for an extended period of time.
- Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour.
- Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development.
- About 10% of thunderstorms are classified as severe – one that produces hail at least 1” or larger in diameter, has winds of 58 mph or higher, or produces a tornado/tornadoes.

Facts about Lightning

- Lightning’s unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property.
- Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rainfall and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.
- “Heat Lightning” is lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard. However, the storm may be moving in your direction.
- Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening.
- Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.