

Lightning Safety Week

What to do after a Thunderstorm or Lightning Strike



Remember: Lightning-strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately. Call 911 for medical assistance as soon as possible. The following are things you should check when attempting to give aid to a victim of a lightning strike:

- **Breathing** – If breathing has stopped, begin mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- **Heartbeat** – If the heart has stopped, administer CPR.
- **Pulse** – If the victim has a pulse and is breathing, look for other possible injuries. Check for burns where the lightning entered and left the body. Also be alert for nervous system damage, broken bones and loss of hearing and eyesight.

After the storm passes, remember to:

- Never drive through a flooded roadway. Turn around, don't drown!
- Stay away from storm-damaged areas to keep from putting yourself at risk. Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.
- Continue to listen to local TV or radio news stations for updated information or instructions (road closures, evacuations, shelters, etc.)
- Help people who may require special assistance, such as infants, children, the elderly, or people with access or functional needs.
- Watch your animals/pets closely. Keep them under your direct control.

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