



AT-A-GLANCE LIGHTNING



INDOORS

- STAY OFF CORDED PHONES. YOU CAN USE CELLULAR OR CORDLESS PHONES.
- DON'T TOUCH ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMPUTERS, TVS, OR CORDS. YOU CAN USE REMOTE CONTROLS SAFELY.
- AVOID PLUMBING. DO NOT WASH YOUR HANDS, TAKE A SHOWER OR WASH DISHES.
- STAY AWAY FROM EXTERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS THAT MIGHT CONTAIN METAL COMPONENTS LEADING FROM OUTSIDE YOUR HOME TO THE INSIDE.
- STAY OFF BALCONIES, PORCHES AND OUT OF OPEN GARAGES OR CAR PORTS.
- DO NOT LIE ON CONCRETE FLOORS OR LEAN AGAINST CONCRETE WALLS



VS.



OUTDOORS

- THE ONLY COMPLETELY SAFE ACTION IS TO GET INSIDE A SAFE BUILDING OR VEHICLE.
- AVOID OPEN FIELDS, THE TOP OF A HILL OR A RIDGE TOP.
- STAY AWAY FROM TALL, ISOLATED TREES OR OTHER TALL OBJECTS. IF YOU ARE IN A FOREST, STAY NEAR A LOWER STAND OF TREES.
- IF YOU ARE IN A GROUP, SPREAD OUT TO AVOID THE CURRENT TRAVELING BETWEEN GROUP MEMBERS.
- STAY AWAY FROM WATER, WET ITEMS, SUCH AS ROPES, AND METAL OBJECTS, SUCH AS FENCES AND POLES.



✗ MYTHS



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IF OUTDOORS CROUCHING DOWN REDUCES YOUR RISK OF BEING STRUCK

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LIGHTNING NEVER STRIKES THE SAME PLACE TWICE.

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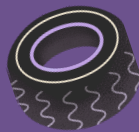
IF IT'S BLUE SKY OVER YOU, YOU'RE SAFE FROM LIGHTNING.

MYTH

RUBBER TIRES ON A CAR PROTECT YOU FROM LIGHTNING BY INSULATING YOU FROM THE GROUND.

MYTH

A LIGHTNING VICTIM IS ELECTRIFIED. IF YOU TOUCH THEM, YOU'LL BE ELECTROCUTED.



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✓ FACTS

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CROUCHING DOES NOT MAKE YOU ANY SAFER OUTDOORS.

FACT

LIGHTNING OFTEN STRIKES THE SAME PLACE REPEATEDLY.

FACT

"BOLTS FROM THE BLUE" CAN STRIKE 10-15 MILES FROM THE STORM.

FACT

MOST CARS ARE SAFE FROM LIGHTNING, BUT IT IS THE METAL ROOF AND SIDES THAT PROTECT YOU.

FACT

THE HUMAN BODY DOES NOT STORE ELECTRICITY. PERFECTLY SAFE TO ADMINISTER FIRST AID.



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