

# Shelter-in-Place for Thunderstorm

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

**Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather-related hazards. Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning.**

## Take Additional Safety Measures

When thunder roars, go indoors. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm.

Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

If necessary, take shelter in a car with a metal top and sides. Do not touch anything metal.

Get to land if boating or swimming. Find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of thunderstorms. Be ready to change plans, if necessary, to be near shelter.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions.

Visit <https://community.fema.gov/ProtectiveActions/s/> for more information.

### If you are in a **Manufactured or Mobile Home**



**Stay inside**  
your home.



**Avoid** running water or using landlines phones as electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.

### What to do

**Unplug** appliances and other electric devices to avoid surges.

### How long to shelter-in-place?



**Listen** to authorities and weather forecasts for information on whether it is safe to go outside and instructions regarding potential flash flooding.

### If you are in a **1- or 2-Story Building**

May have an attic and/or basement



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### If you are in a **Multistory Building**

Includes schools, apartments, and offices



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