



## **Safety and Lightning**

Lightning is electricity, which means it could kill or injure you. Whenever you see flashes of lightning in the sky and hear thunder in the distance, it's time to start looking for a safe place to wait out the storm.

Here are some important rules to remember if a thunderstorm is coming:

- Get inside a building as fast as you can.
- Stay away from metal and electrical appliances (such as TV's and computers).
- Keep away from sinks, bathtubs, and all in home plumbing.
- Avoid windows and doors that lead outside.
- Unless an emergency, don't use the telephone.

If you're unable to get inside a building:

- Do not hide under a tree (lightning looks for tall objects to strike, such as trees).
- Look for a vehicle with a hard top to get in to (not a soft top).
- Keep away from tall metal objects.
- Avoid pools, lakes and other bodies of water.
- Do not use an umbrella.

There is no reason to be afraid of lightning if you take safety precautions as listed above.

Keep these safety rules in mind next time there's a thunderstorm brewing, and please share them with others; you could save someone's life!