



# Topic: Violent Weather Safety

*Spring brings more than singing birds and blooming flowers. It often brings storms and tornadoes. Virtually no part of the country is immune.*

Most people have a home emergency plan, but many would not know what to do if a tornado struck when they were on their way to work or after they were on the job.

Here are a few suggestions:

- ✚ On the road, get out of your vehicle and find the lowest area possible.
- ✚ In a building, go to the lowest level. Stay away from exterior walls and windows.
- ✚ If tornado warnings are in effect, choose one or more people to watch for the storm and warn others if it approaches.

## Lightning

- ✚ If skies look threatening, head indoors.
- ✚ During an electrical storm you are safest in a steel-framed building or a car with all the doors and windows closed.
- ✚ Close your umbrella, put down your golf club, backpack or anything that could act to attract lightning.
- ✚ If you are swimming, get out of the water and dry off.
- ✚ If you are far from shelter, stay away from tall trees. Lie face down in a ditch until the storm subsides.



Twister



Lightning Bolt