

# Severe Thunderstorm Safety

When you hear the words "severe thunderstorm" in the forecast, be ready for more than just heavy rain and lightning.

## SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS CAN BRING:



Hail



Strong Wind  
Gusts



Lightning



Heavy  
Rain



Flash  
Floods



Tornadoes

## KNOW YOUR TERMS



### Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Conditions are favorable for thunderstorms. Be prepared to move indoors.



### Severe Thunderstorm Warning

A thunderstorm is imminent or occurring. Take shelter now!

## Some Severe Storm To Dos

To do...



### Be in the know when you need to know.

Today's smart phones can be your own emergency alert system. The National Weather Service sends Wireless Emergency Alerts for tornado warnings, flash flood warnings, hurricane warnings, and more. However, you have to make sure your phone settings are set to receive the alerts. Check the notification settings on both Android and iOS.



Have a radio or weather radio within reach. Battery operated or wind up options are best since you will want updates even if the power goes out.



### Know where you'll go.

Pick a safe place in your home for household members to gather during a thunderstorm. This should be away from windows, skylights, and glass doors that could be broken by strong winds or hail.

If you are outside and cannot reach a safe building: avoid high ground, water, tall or isolated trees, and metal objects such as fences or bleachers. Picnic shelters, dugouts, and sheds are NOT safe.



In your car? Park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.