

Lightning Safety Tips and Resources

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National Weather Service lightning safety hub: how to stay safe in a thunderstorm, how people get struck, and toolkits, videos and brochures for families, teachers and outdoor workers, including Deaf and hard of hearing resources.

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<https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning>

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<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov>

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Lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times a year. Although most lightning occurs in the summer, people can be struck at any time of year. Lightning kills about 20 people in the United States each year, and hundreds more are severely injured. This website will teach you how to stay safe and offer insight into the science of lightning.

You'll find animated books about lightning, safety tips for all kinds of situations, games for kids and resources for teachers. You'll learn about lightning victims and survivors. Explore our site, and come and visit often! En Español

What's New

- UPDATED Lightning Safety Toolkits
- Lightning Safety Brochure
- U.S. Lightning Deaths in 2026: **16**
- Youtube: Lightning Safety for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: ASL and Closed Captioned
- "Flash, Dash Inside" slogan and sign created by and for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Lightning Safety for Hard of Hearing: jpg, high res png
- YouTube: Lightning Safety Tips
- Lightning Safety When Working Outdoors: OSHA Factsheet
- What You Need to Know: Tips for Safety
- Analysis of Lightning Fatalities: 2006-2024 (from National Lightning Safety Council)
- YouTube: Don't Catch the Big One: PSA1, PSA2
- How People are Struck by Lightning
- Tornado, High Wind and Hail Safety Site

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