

# Lightning Safety

**Lightning is the visible discharge of electrical energy. It is often accompanied by thunder, which is a sonic boom created by the same discharge. If you hear thunder, lightning is a threat!**

## Safety Tips:

### 1. PLAN

- Plan your evacuation route and safety measures. At the first sign of lightning or thunder, activate your emergency plan.



### 2. OUTDOORS

#### Avoid:

- water
- high ground
- large open areas
- isolated trees
- all metal objects and electrical wires



### 3. INDOORS

#### Avoid:

- water
- doors and windows
- using electronic appliances

### 4. SUSPEND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Do not resume outdoor activities for at least 30 minutes after last observed lightning or thunder.

### 5. INJURED PERSONS

- injured persons can be handled safely
- apply first aid procedures to lightning victim
- call 911 or send for help
- know all emergency telephone numbers



**For more information on safety, visit the IDHS website: [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs).**

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