

# Thunderstorm Safety Tips

## SEEK SHELTER



- The best shelters are on higher ground (ie: upper floors, attics, roofs)
- If driving, stay in your car or climb onto the roof if water gets inside
- If outside, seek shelter in a car with a metal top and avoid power lines

## CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST



- Stay informed with the Environment Canada weather forecast
- News reports and weather updates are helpful to determine when your area is safe

## UNPLUG APPLIANCES



- If you can, unplug appliances to protect from damage caused by power outages
- In the event of a power outage, call your power company so they can fix the problem
- DO NOT use corded electronics to protect them from power surges

## USE FLASHLIGHTS



- In the event of a power outage, use flashlights instead of candles to prevent fire
- Also avoid using portable generators and other electric heat sources

## HAVE A PLAN



- Be prepared to evacuate in the event of an emergency
- Have an emergency preparedness kit ready to take with you
- Follow instructions from authorities in the event of an evacuation

## BE AWARE



- Report any fallen trees or power lines to the proper authorities
- Keep pets indoors
- Check on anyone who is elderly, disabled or otherwise vulnerable in emergencies

## FOR MORE INFORMATION...

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/thunderstorm>
- <https://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/emergencies-and-disasters-in-canada/types-of-emergencies/thunderstorms>