# THUNDERSTORM SAFETY GUIDE

#### **Check the Forecast**

Be aware of the weather forecast before participating in outdoor activities

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Be prepared. Severe storms possible.

#### **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:**

Severe storms expected. Take action and seek shelter.



# **Stop Activities**

Seek a safe location as soon as you or others nearby see lightning and/or hear thunder.

Parks, Beaches and Pools all must be cleared

### Safe Locations

**Safest:** Going into a fully enclosed building.

**Safe:** Taking shelter in a hard-topped vehicle.

**Not safe:** Do not take shelter under a tree, on a hilltop or in an open field.

If you cannot get indoors or in a vehicle, go to the lowest area nearby and make yourself as small as possible.



# **Resuming Activities**

Be sure to wait at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder or strike of lightning to go back outside to resume activity.

#### If someone is struck

- Call 9-1-1 for help immediately
- Give first aid. Begin CPR if you are trained
- Don't be a victim. If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lighting can strike twice.



