

# ⚡ LIGHTNING

Lightning is a natural phenomenon during which there is a discharge of current in the atmosphere or with one on the ground. Lightning commonly occurs during thunderstorm. However, very little is focused on the fact that it is one of the natural hazards which claim more lives and causes injuries than we expected. The following points are the basic awareness to keep in mind as preparedness measure for a prompt reaction:-

1. Be alert on the weather condition like, the darkening of the skies, increased wind etc.
2. Ensure that children, animals are inside during such weather conditions.
3. If outdoor, do not take shelter under a tree.
4. Keep away from tall object/utility lines (poles, mobile tower, electrical poles, metal objects, hill top area etc.)
5. Do not lie flat on the ground as this will make a bigger target due to the flow of current.
6. If near or inside water bodies, leave the water area immediately and find a secure shelter.
7. While driving, slow down and do not park near trees, power lines etc.
8. If inside, disconnect electrical appliances during thunderstorm.
9. Be alert and call an ambulance during any emergency/casualty.
10. Keep on following local media for updates and warnings.

**“WHEN THUNDER ROARS  
GO INDOORS”**

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