LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

BE PREPARED FOR LIGHTNING BY KNOWING THE FACTS

- Always follow the saying: “When thunder roars, go indoors.”
- Vehicles are safe places to take shelter because they direct electrical current through the metal frame and into the ground. Just don’t lean on the doors.
- Stay away from electronics, plumbing, corded phones and anything metal during a storm. Lightning can use those as conductors of electricity.
- Lightning will follow the shortest route to the ground and will strike the tallest object in the vicinity.
- No place outdoors is safe when lightning is occurring; if you hear thunder, get inside as quickly as possible.
- Water is also a conductor of electricity, so immediately exit the pool or any other body of water during a thunderstorm.
- Trees are often the tallest objects around, so taking shelter from rain or hail under them is not safe.
- If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.