



## What You Don't Know About Lightning

Lightning is electricity, so it can kill or injure you. Whenever you see flashes of lightning in the sky and hear thunder in the distance, it's time to start looking for a safe place to wait for the storm to pass. Here are some important rules to remember if a thunderstorm is coming: If you're outside, get inside a building as fast as you can and:

- . Stay away from metal and electrical appliances, like TVs and computers.
- . Keep away from sinks, bathtubs and all pipes.
- . Stay away from windows and outside doors
- . Unless it is an emergency, don't use the telephone

If you're outside and can't get inside a building:

- . Don't hide under a tree-lightning looks for tall things to strike, like trees
- . Look for a hard-topped car to get in-not a convertible
- . Stay away from tall and metal objects
- . Keep away from pools, lakes or any water
- . Do not use an umbrella

There's no reason to be afraid of lightning if you understand how to be safe. Just keep these safety rules in mind next time there a thunder-storm. And don't be afraid to share these rules with others; you might even save someone's life!