

Me and

My World™

Safety Smarts

Weather Wheel

Hurricane Warning

- You must stay inside unless you are instructed leave when the National Weather Service puts out a Hurricane Warning.
- Winds are more than 73 miles an hour and can be 150 miles an hour, fast enough to blow large objects, including trees.
- A warning means a hurricane is very likely to reach land near you.
- If told to leave area you must leave immediately.

A hurricane warning means either evacuate or move to safe shelter.

Flash Flood Warning

- You must immediately go to higher ground from low-lying roads, but stay off hill tops.
- Watch streams closely to see if water is rising immediately and go to higher ground.
- You must stay away from ditches and storm drains.
- Flash floods can pick up cars and trucks.
- Stay off bridges and roads that are under water.
- Don't try to outrun a flash flood.
- Get out of car and go to higher ground.
- Always pick higher ground to camp.
- For flash floods a warning means the event is occurring. Keep away from rising water.

Match, Thunderstorms, Tornadoes & Flash Floods

- For severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, or flash floods, a watch means that the odds are good for the dangerous weather to give a warning.
- For hurricanes and winter storms, a watch means there is not an immediate threat prepared to evacuate.
- If near an ocean you must be prepared to evacuate.
- Watch out for the weather and be prepared to act.

Thunderstorm Warning / Lightning

- It looks like you see lightning before thunder because light moves faster than sound.
- If outside, go inside. Don't go under a tree. In field, crouch and bend over. Don't lie on wet ground; it can carry electricity.
- Stay away from metal; metal draws electricity. Go to the lowest point on hill. Get out of boat; go into a building.
- Stay away from windows.

Tornado Warning

- The National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning when someone has seen a tornado in your area.
- You will see dark clouds.
- If you are outside go inside and stay inside.
- The power may go off.
- In basement get under a heavy workbench or stairs. No basement go to closet on inside wall. Stay away from windows and doors. Cover head. Get out of car. Get out of a building or in ditch. Stay away from metal. Get out of a mobile home.

Winter Weather Warning

- Stay inside and follow Safety Plan.
- Have extra batteries for radio and bottled water.
- If outside, wear layers of clothing, gloves and a hat.

Stay outside. Take shelter if you hear a warning.