



Spring Weather Safety



**Severe Thunderstorms and Tornadoes – Flooding – Tsunamis –
Lightning – Spring Break Safety**



Building a Weather-Ready Nation

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Tornado Safety



Before a Tornado

- Make sure all family members know the tornado safe location in your home.
- Store an emergency kit in your safe location.
- Identify where to go if you are at work or school.
- Make a family communications plan.





Tornado Safety



During a Tornado

- Go to a safe location away from windows on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- If you are caught outside, get in a car, buckle up, and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
- Go to a storm shelter if you are in a mobile home.



After a Tornado

- Beware of downed power lines, broken gas lines, and sharp/dangerous debris.
- Avoid damaged areas.
- Stay off the roads to allow rescue workers clear passage.
- Follow instructions from officials.





Tornado Safety



Preparing Your Pets

- Get your pets ready at first sign of an approaching storm.
- Put your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier.
- Move all pets to the shelter well ahead of the storm.
- Include pet food and medicines in your emergency kit.





Lightning Safety



When You Are Caught Outside in a Storm...

There is NO safe place outside when it is lightning but these actions may *slightly* reduce your risk of being struck.

- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill or a ridge top.
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects.
- Stay away from water, wet items, and metal objects.

Note: A tent or open air building will not protect you from lightning.





Lightning Safety



When You Are Inside During a Thunderstorm...

- Don't touch electrical equipment or electronics plugged into the wall.
- Stay off corded phones and avoid plumbing.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches. Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.





Lightning Safety



When You Are Inside a Car During a Storm...

You are safe from lightning inside a car as long as you do the following:

- Roll up the windows so that they are closed.
- Don't touch metal objects inside the car.
- Pull over on the side of the road and put your hazard lights on.





Flood Safety



Before a Flood

- Learn whether your home, school or place of work is at risk of flooding.
- Find alternate routes to important locations.
- Make a family communications plan.
- If evacuation orders are issued in advance, follow them.





Flood Safety



During a Flood

- Never drive or walk into flood waters.
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Get to higher ground.
- Get information from local tv/radio or your mobile phone.





Flood Safety



After a Flood

- Avoid damaged areas and flood waters.
- Heed road closed and other cautionary signs.
- Wait for the “all clear” to enter a flood damaged structure.
- Contact your loved ones via text or social media to keep phone lines clear.





Tsunami Safety



Know the Natural Signs of a Tsunami...

If you experience any of these warnings at the coast, a tsunami could be coming:

- Strong or long earthquake(s)
- Sudden rise or fall of the ocean
- A loud roar from the ocean

Go to high ground or inland. Do not wait for official instructions.





Tsunami Safety



When a Tsunami Warning Is Issued...

- Stay out of the water.
- Stay away from beaches and waterways.
- Get information from local tv/radio or your mobile phone.
- If officials ask you to evacuate, go to high ground or inland.



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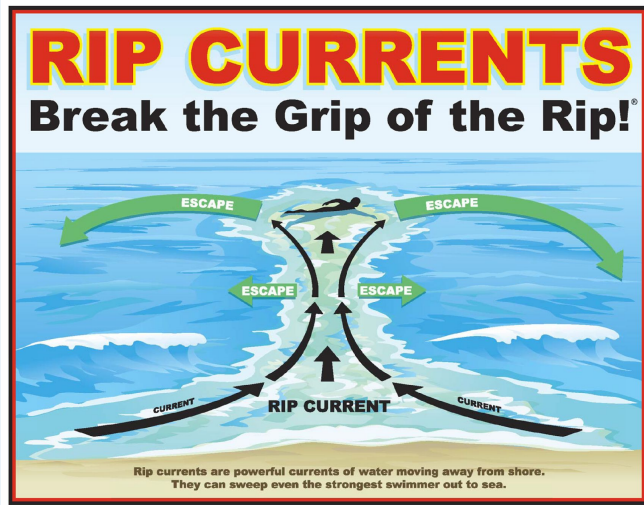
Spring Break Safety



Don't Get Caught by a Rip Current on Spring Break

- Only swim at beaches with lifeguards.
- Know how to swim and have a flotation device with you.
- Know how to spot a rip current and what to do if you are caught in a rip current before you go.

Visit www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out





Spring Break Safety



Remember Sun and Heat Safety on Spring Break

- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Apply sunscreen regularly to avoid sun burns.
- Know the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Seek treatment immediately if you or a friend have any symptoms.

