

CERT Monthly Safety Tip

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Did you know that Florida is the "Lightning Capital of the U.S." with the highest density of strikes per square kilometer! Here are some valuable pointers to remember and help you prepare.

- When you hear thunder, go inside immediately. Even if it's not raining, lightning can still reach you. It can travel as far as 10 miles from its thunderstorm.
- If boating or swimming, get to land immediately and find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle. Don't touch metal.
- If indoors, avoid using running water or landline phones. Electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.
- Unplug appliances and electronic devices plugged into outlets.
- Consider buying surge protectors or a lightning protection system to protect your home, appliances and electronics.

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Next monthly CERT meeting on March 16 at 10 AM in the card room next to the Wi-Fi cafe. Contact Chuck Kennedy for more info: cwk7954@verizon.net