



CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Lightning Can Be Very Dangerous

- Nowhere outside is safe during thunderstorms. Lightning strike can occur 10 miles from rain area.
- 2006-2024 : 492 Killed by Lightning in US
 - 94 in Florida (> double next state TX at 41)
- Most at risk activities : fishing (42), beach (32), boating (25); ranching/farming (24), camping (23), yardwork (21), golf (14), soccer (13)
- Males account for about 80% of fatalities
- Recent 2025 news reports for Florida
 - June 20 – New Smyrna Beach (1 fatality)
 - June 24 – Holmes Beach (4 injuries)
 - July 4 – St Pete's Beach (3 injuries)
- Go inside if you hear thunder or see lightning.
- If someone is struck by lightning, call for help, assess the situation, respond, and resuscitate

WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!

For more details go to <https://www.delwebblwrcert.org/>

Data from John S Jensenius, National Lightning Safety Council

<http://lightningsafetycouncil.org>

and CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/lightning/safety/index>