

When the shocking truth strikes...IT'S TOO LATE!



FLASH RIPROCK

and the
Bolt from the Blue

"POSITIVE" LIGHTNING BOLTS COME FROM THE UPPER PARTS OF THUNDERSTORMS, STRIKING MANY MILES AWAY FROM THE PARENT STORM.

IF YOU HEAR THUNDER, THEN LIGHTNING IS NEAR. THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE OUTSIDE. FOLLOW THESE SAFETY RULES: 1. IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO SAFE SHELTER: A SUBSTANTIAL BUILDING WITH ELECTRICITY OR PLUMBING OR AN ENCLOSED, METAL-TOPPED VEHICLE WITH WINDOWS UP. 2. STAY IN SAFE SHELTER AT LEAST 30 MINUTES AFTER THE LAST SOUND OF THUNDER. 3. STAY OFF CORDED PHONES, COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. 4. AVOID PLUMBING, INCLUDING SINKS, BATHS AND FAUCETS. 5. STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND DOORS, AND STAY OFF PORCHES. 6. IF OUTDOORS... THESE MAY HELP... NEVER LIE FLAT ON THE GROUND, NEVER SHELTER UNDER AN ISOLATED TREE, AND NEVER USE A CLIFF OR ROCKY OVERHANG FOR SHELTER. IMMEDIATELY GET OUT AND AWAY FROM PONDS, LAKES AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER. STAY AWAY FROM OBJECTS THAT CONDUCT ELECTRICITY (BARBED WIRE FENCES, POWER LINES, WINDMILLS, ETC.)

SOME COMMON LIGHTNING MYTHS: A. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S KITE WAS NEVER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING! B. LIGHTNING DOES NOT ALWAYS STRIKE THE TALLEST OBJECT, ONLY THE TALLEST OBJECT IN A PARTICULAR AREA. C. LIGHTNING CAN STRIKE ANY OBJECT IN ITS PATH, NOT JUST METAL. D. JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT RAINING DOESN'T MEAN YOU CANNOT BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING...IF YOU HEAR THUNDER, TAKE SHELTER. IN FACT, MOST PEOPLE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING EACH YEAR ARE IN RAIN FREE AREAS MILES AWAY FROM A THUNDERSTORM. E. RUBBER SOLES OF SHOES (OR RUBBER TIRES) ARE NOT INSULATORS FROM LIGHTNING. THEY OFFER ZERO LIGHTNING PROTECTION.

IN 3D, REALLY 3D AND eyeMax'd 3D (We're serious, seek shelter!)



Coming Sooner
...than you think!



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All ages affected!

