

D'Iberville Fire Department Safety Tips

Subject: Lightning Safety

- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.
- Seek shelter. Do not take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees or in convertible automobiles. Stay away from tall towers, fences power poles and power lines.
- If lightning is occurring and a sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hard top automobile, keep the windows up and do not touch any metal.
- Avoid using the telephone or any electrical appliances during a lightning event.
- Do not take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm.

If you are caught outdoors during a lightning storm:

- Find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles. Make sure the spot you choose is not subject to flooding.
- If you are in the woods take shelter under shorter trees.
- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. **Do not lie down.**
- If you are boating or swimming get to land immediately and find shelter.

Remember, if you can hear thunder – you are close enough to be struck by lightning!

For more information or tips weather safety go to www.nws.noaa.gov

