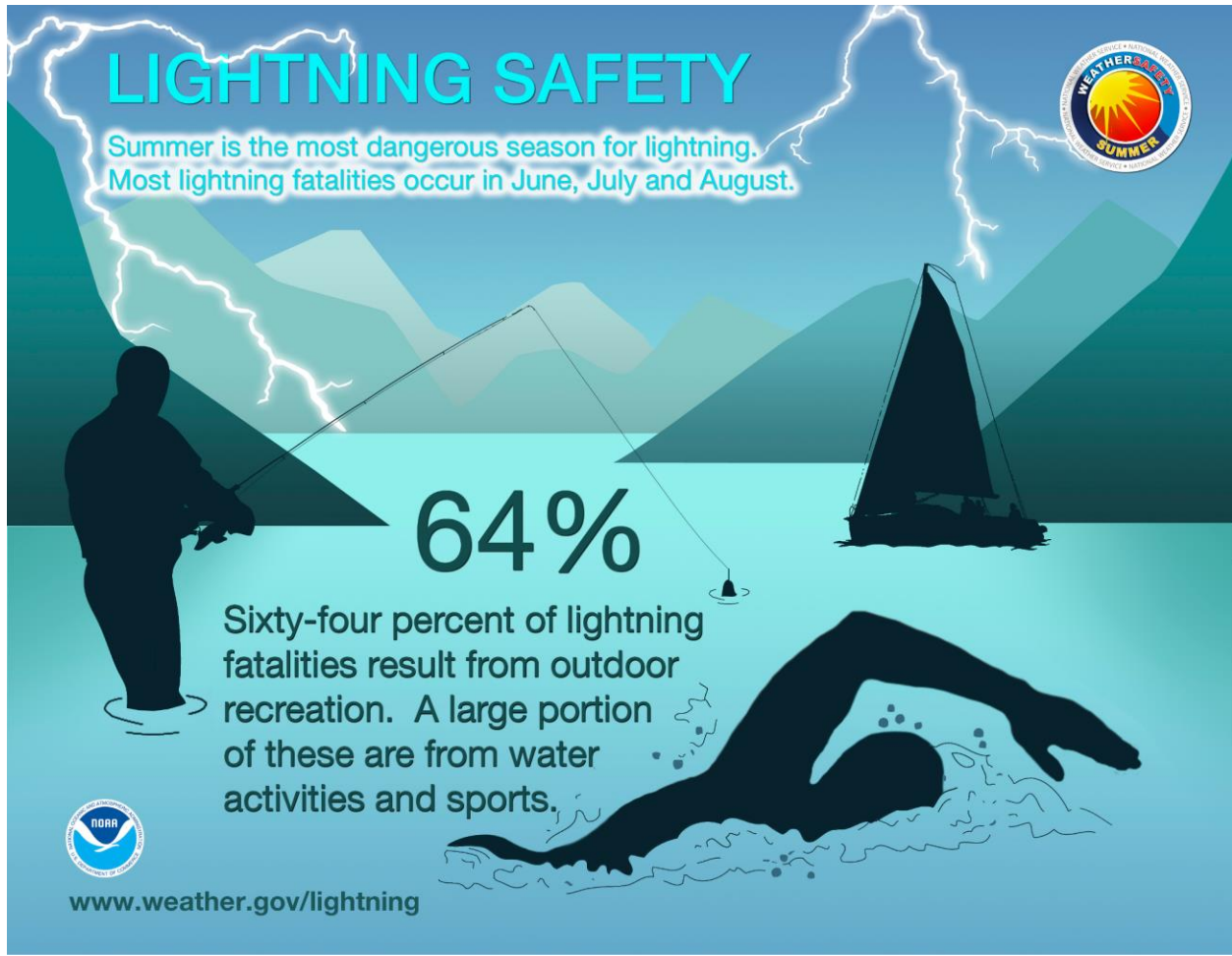


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




Lightning Safety Tips


- STOP all activities at the first sign of thunder or lightning
- Seek shelter in a building or hard-topped vehicle
- Wait 30 minutes after the storm to resume activities

The infographic is divided into three vertical panels. The left panel is yellow with the title and tips. The middle panel shows a tent in a forest at night. The right panel shows a beach lifeguard stand and a boat on a lake. A NOAA logo is in the bottom right corner.


WHEN THUNDER ROARS GO INDOORS

Lightning Fatalities For Outdoor Sports

 40% SOCCER	 27% GOLF
 17% RUNNING	 10% BASEBALL
 3% FOOTBALL	 3% OTHER

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step 1 Leave the field immediately




step 2 Seek shelter in an enclosed building or car

Wait 30 minutes after hearing thunder to return outside


School



Home



Car



Windows UP!





Camping Safety

PREPARING FOR WEATHER

KNOW YOUR WEATHER FORECAST

NOTIFY FAMILY/FRIENDS OF YOUR PLANS

HAVE AN EVACUATION PLAN, KNOW WHERE AND HOW FAST YOU CAN FIND SHELTER

PACK A SAFETY KIT AND WEATHER RADIO

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Safety Bullets

- Check the forecast before your trip.
- There is no 100% safe shelter outside. The only place of safety from lightning is inside a vehicle or a substantial, enclosed structure.. Do not take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees, or in convertible automobiles. Stay away from tall objects such as towers, fences, telephone poles, and power lines.
- If you can't get to a shelter, stay away from trees and get to the lowest elevation.
- When thunder roars, you are in danger of being struck by lightning, so move to shelter.
- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges, or peaks.
- Never shelter under an isolated tree.
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.
- Immediately get out of and away from ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water.
- If you are boating or swimming, get to land and find shelter immediately.
- Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- Do not take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent. This is your best way to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation

Resource Materials

- Checklist to help prepare for lightning:
<https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-toolkits>
- Lightning safety for campers and hikers:
https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/backcountry_lightning.pdf
- National Outdoor Leadership School document on lightning safety:
[NOLS Backcountry Lightning Safety Guidelines](#)

- NWS Lightning Safety Brochure:
<https://www.weather.gov/media/owlie/Lightning-Brochure18.pdf>
- Apps from private weather vendors (notifications for lightning):
<https://www.weather.gov/enterprise/sw-alerts-app-1e>
- Situational Awareness Display (select “lightning density”):
<https://noaa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opdashboard/index.html#/094f884edcfe4413bf1de18325f53c44>