

# Severe Weather Safety Tips for Your Home



## After storms pass, put safety first for your family and home

Whether it's a tornado, hurricane or a severe thunderstorm, the danger is not necessarily over when the storm passes. Here are some valuable tips to remember:

### Use caution in the aftermath of a severe storm

Never leave your storm shelter until the official "all clear" is given, or when it's obvious the danger has passed.

### Make sure all the people around you are safe

Check for injuries and call for help. Do not move a seriously injured person unless there's danger of further injury in that person's location.

### When outside, take these precautions

- Watch for broken glass, gas leaks and downed power lines.
- Stay out of damaged buildings. You could be injured by collapsing walls, ceilings or roofs.
- If you can't perform emergency repairs to your property safely, contact your insurance company or a professional repair service. Our Claims representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-527-3907.
- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.

### Be aware of electrical dangers

- Be careful when entering a flooded area. Submerged outlets or electrical cords could be lethal.
- Never use electrical appliances that have become wet — such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines and dryers — unless they have been reconditioned by a qualified service repairman.
- Use caution with portable generators. If installed, vented or operated improperly, they may become deadly.
- Make sure your generator is dry and properly grounded. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to help prevent electrocutions and electrical shock injuries.

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