

Stay Safe When Severe Weather Strikes



There are up to **20 million lightning strikes** each year in the United States.

Hurricane Sandy and its resulting post-tropical cyclone **killed at least 117 people in the U.S.** and 69 more in Canada and the Caribbean.



WEATHER THE STORM SAFELY



Unplug appliances and electronics in advance of storms to protect them from power surges.



Use battery-powered lanterns and flashlights instead of candles, which can start a fire.



Do not operate generators or other outdoor appliances inside or near your home.



Keep utility company phone numbers handy to alert them to downed power lines.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

DO



Use caution around flooded areas. Submerged outlets or electrical cords can post a lethal trap.



Have an electrician inspect your home and appliances before using electricity after any flooding or water damage.

DON'T



Never go close to downed power lines or any standing water near them.



Don't try to outrun a storm. Instead, seek shelter in a house or other permanent enclosed space.