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When there is an electrical storm, follow these simple DO's and DONT's from the Electrical Safety Foundation International:

Outdoors:

- Seek shelter in a house, large building, or automobile (not a convertible).
- Do not stand under a tree or near anything that is the tallest object.
- Do not stand on a hilltop, seek shelter in the lowest area.
- If you are in a pool, spa, or any open water, get out as quickly as possible.
- If you are in a boat, get to land.
- Playing golf? Stop-do not hold a metal golf club during a thunder or lightning storm. Take off golf shoes with metal spikes.
- Stay off bicycles, farm equipment, motorcycles, and golf carts.
- Stay away from telephone poles and power lines.

Indoors:

- Do not use the telephone (except in emergencies).
- Do not take a bath or shower.
- Do not use appliances such as hair dryers, toasters, and radios.
- Keep batteries on hand for flashlights and radios in case of a power outage.
- Use surge protectors for electronic devices and appliances.