

#BBBHOWTO

Protect Employees and Customers

Understand the difference!

SEVERE WEATHER

watch: a disaster is possible

warning: a disaster is happening

Ex. A **tornado watch** means a twister is a good possibility vs. a **tornado warning** means a funnel has been spotted and you need to find shelter immediately!

During a Thunderstorm Warning

Hazards:

Lightning and heavy rain can cause flash flooding & high winds can damage property.

Do

- Use battery-powered items.
- Move inside. Many people struck by lightning are hit before the rain starts.
- Shut the windows and doors of your building.
- Wait until 30 min. after the last thunder to go outside.

Don't

- Use electrical equipment & telephones.
- Have employees drive through standing water.

If lightning strikes

- Call 911 for professional medical care.
- Check the person injured for burns and begin CPR if they have stopped breathing.

* People who have been struck by lightning do not retain an electrical charge and can be handled safely.

During a Tornado Warning

Do

- Direct your employees and customers to the building's designated safe room.
- Maintain a safety kit (water, canned food, flashlights, a weather radio, extra batteries & first-aid kits.)
- If your workspace is outdoors, get to a building or a low-flat location as quickly as possible.
- Direct your delivery vehicles to a tornado safe area.

Don't

- Use elevators.
- Fall behind on employee communication protocols.
- Try to outrun a tornado in your vehicle.

Resources

- Weather.gov
- Weather.gc.ca
- Ready.gov/be-informed
- BBB.org/storm

FEMA Helpline
800-621-3362

