

# When You Hear Thunder, Lightning is Near!

*Immediately head indoors!*

## Seek

- >> Large, permanent building
- >> Fully-enclosed metal vehicle (cars, vans or pickup trucks)
- >> Lowest elevation area

## Avoid

- >> Tall Objects (trees/poles)
- >> Small rain and sun shelters
- >> Large, open areas
- >> Wet areas
- >> Elevated areas
- >> All metal objects including, golf clubs, golf carts, fences, electrical and maintenance machinery and power lines.

If sudden, close-in lightning does not permit immediate evacuation to a safer place, spread out from your group, squat down, tuck your head and cover your ears. Head for the safest place as soon as immediate threat passes.

## Discontinuing Play in Competitions

The USGA emphasizes that players in a competition have the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the committee may not have authorized it specifically by signal, (Rules 6-8 and 33-2d).

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