In the first quarter of 2017 alone, thunderstorms caused a record $5.7 billion in losses, and lightning kills an average of 30 people a year. Learn how to keep you, your family, and property safe from lightning.

**LIGHTNING IS DEADLY**

**22,600**
An average of 22,600 fires were caused by lightning between 2007 and 2011.

According to Aon Benfield’s Impact Forecasting, insured losses from lightning strikes are at an all-time high.

**30** people die a year from lightning strikes according to the National Weather Service.

**LIGHTNING IS FAR REACHING**

$\frac{1}{3}$ of all lightning related injuries occur indoors – stay away from:

- **Corded phones**
- **Electronics**
- **Plumbing**

Lightning can strike 10 miles from a thunderstorm.

Lightning can strike anywhere, not just the tallest objects.

**LIGHTNING PROTECTION**

Power surges caused by lightning can damage the electronics in your home.

- Lightning protection systems intercept lightning strikes and provide a grounding path for dangerous electricity to discharge safely, leaving occupants and homes safe from harm.

- Panel box surge protective devices (SPDs) serve as the first line of defense against harmful home electrical surges, limiting voltages by diverting currents at the electrical service entrance. Only a qualified electrician should install SPDs.

- Protects electronics plugged into the device from surges, must be replaced over time or after a major surge event.

- Power strips DO NOT provide surge protection.

- No surge device can handle a direct lightning strike. Unplug sensitive electronics WELL before a storm to prevent damage.

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