

LIGHTNING

ACTION GUIDE

BE PREPARED

- ▶ Check with your local electrical contractor for advice on surge protectors and lightning conductors
- ▶ Have an emergency kit on hand, including a battery operated radio, torch and spare batteries
- ▶ Keep a list of emergency numbers handy

ACT SAFE

If caught outdoors:

- ▶ Seek shelter in a hard top vehicle or solid building
Never shelter under a tree or a group of trees
- ▶ If far from shelter crouch down, don't lie flat
- ▶ If boating or swimming, leave the water immediately
- ▶ Avoid metal objects such as ladders, umbrellas, fences and clothes lines
- ▶ Secure pets in a safe place

If indoors:

- ▶ Disconnect computers, televisions and other electrical/electronic appliances
- ▶ Avoid using fixed line telephones unless essential
- ▶ Keep clear of windows
- ▶ Avoid metal fixtures, such as roofs, guttering, downpipes and taps

AFTER THE LIGHTNING

- ▶ Keep your radio tuned to local media for updated weather reports and power outages
- ▶ Confirm location and safety of family members and immediate neighbours
- ▶ Check operation of essential household items and check fuse box for surge protection/fuse/circuit breaker impact

For further information contact your local State Emergency Service office.

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