



Summary:

Severe weather hazards, such as tornadoes, lightning, hail, flash flooding, and downbursts, can be dangerous. Each requires a basic understanding of what to do so that you can protect yourself and your Scouts. The scale of weather conditions can seem daunting—ranging from high heat with no humidity to torrential downpours with possible flooding. Some key basic principles can help everyone to be prepared and prevent.

Key Information:

- Know the weather forecast before you set out on your trip.
- Prepare for the types of weather hazards that are associated with your destination, such as tornadoes, lightning, snow, torrential rains, and high winds. The BSA's online Weather Hazards training (available through My.Scouting.org) is a great resource.
- Double-check weather conditions immediately upon arrival to verify forecasts.
- The weather can be integral in becoming lost or injured. If visibility becomes limited, respond quickly to gather the Scouts in your care.
- Inquire about the location of any designated emergency shelters in the area.



Additional resources:

www.weather.gov

www.noaa.gov

www.weatherwizkids.com

www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety