

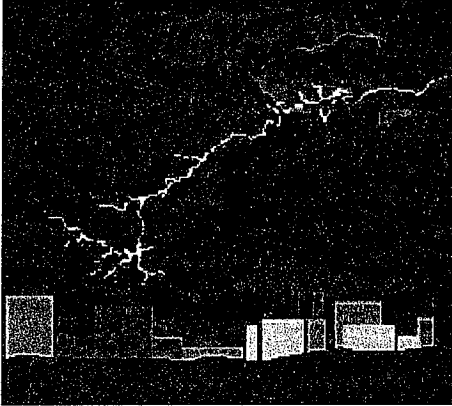
Emergency Response Action Plan—Severe Weather

Overview

The effects of severe weather on a business can be devastating. Not only can severe weather damage facilities, it can prove to be deadly to employees. You must know how to protect yourself from the effects of any severe weather that is likely to occur at your location.

What must my employer do?

Your employer must have written plans for dealing with those emergency weather situations likely to occur in your facility.



Severe weather can include:

- winter storms,
- floods,
- tornadoes and severe wind,
- thunderstorms and lightning, and
- hurricanes.

Warning or Watch?

Severe weather warnings are reported as either a warning or a watch. A severe weather watch means that conditions are right for severe weather to develop.

A weather warning means that severe weather is occurring or will occur in the warning area, posing imminent danger to life and property. Take shelter immediately.

Emergency Response Action Plan

The company's written emergency response action plan will cover the appropriate steps for you to take in the event of severe weather. The plan will also explain where shelter areas are located and when it is appropriate for you to go to them.

Your employer will:

- explain how employees will be notified in the event of severe weather.
- review the appropriate steps to take for various weather emergencies likely to occur in your area.