

CLOVER SAFE #35



THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

According to information available from the National Weather Service, approximately 1,000 people are struck by lightning in the United States each year. In addition, lightning caused 490 fatalities nationwide from 1995 through 2004. Of this total, approximately 50 percent of the lightning deaths occurred outside in open areas and about 16 percent of the fatalities happened when people stood under trees that were hit by lightning. Lightning from thunderstorms is a dangerous threat to people outdoors if they are in proximity to the storm. For additional information

about thunderstorm safety, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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