

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Severe Weather
GENERAL	Protecting Workers from injuries associated with severe weather conditions
APPLICATION	
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe job procedures PPE ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
SELECTION AND USE	As per job requirement
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Monitor Environment Canada's website and severe weather notifications for the work areas of each crew and will forward information to crews in a timely fashion.
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each team member must be aware of their work area and monitor the skies for signs of severe weather. 2. If lightening is viewed near the work area; work shall stop and all team members will congregate at a location deemed safe. <p>As per Environment Canada: The safest location is a fully enclosed building, next is an enclosed metal car, truck or van, but <u>NOT</u> a tractor, or soft top vehicle. Make sure the vehicle is not parked near tall trees or other tall objects. During storm, sit with your hands in your lap and DO NOT at any time touch any metal or wired device in the vehicle, including the steering wheel or plugged in cell phone. Wait for the storm to pass. Before exiting ensure there is no downed powerline touching the vehicle. Be aware that unsafe locations include the following: covered picnic shelters, carports, sheds and greenhouses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. All parties will wait 20 minutes, if after 20 mins no further lightening has been visually confirmed work may resume. If lightening continues the crew leader will inform team members of the cancelation of work and will issue orders for the team to return to the yard.