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**You should know about
for severe weather
season.**



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Highway
overpasses are
safe shelters.

FACTS

Overpasses create a wind tunnel, actually amplifying winds in a tornado. This is one of the **worst** places you can shelter in a tornado.

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It is safe to drive large vehicles through flood waters.



Two feet of water can float most vehicles and rapidly moving water can easily sweep cars away. Flooding is the 2nd leading cause of weather related fatalities annually.





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Rivers, lakes and hills protect locations from tornadoes.

FACTS

Just last year an EF-2 Tornado in Madison, IN crossed the Ohio River into Kentucky. Tornadoes/ waterspouts have been observed over lakes and even documented to cross the Appalachian Mountains.



**Tornadoes rarely/
never happen in
big cities due to
tall buildings.**



A tall building cannot deter/disrupt a tornado. In fact, an EF-3 tornado struck Nashville as recently as 2020. At least 27 tornadoes struck the Chicago Metro area in July of 2024.





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Lightning can't strike if it's not raining & skies are clear.

FACTS

Lightning can travel as far as 10 - 12 miles away from a storm.

Lightning can strike even after a storm has passed and skies have cleared.

This is called a ***bolt from the blue.***

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