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SAFETY THEME

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., - A Service Organization of the ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA and the GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

The Safety Theme program is designed to help you get an important safety message across to all employees in a simple-to-use format that can be completed each month.

Monthly Poster Theme

Make copies and post them wherever you will get the most impact.

Training Calendar

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **all in-person LGRMS training is on hold through the end of August.** Please see our training calendar on the LGRMS website for the most current information.

Webinar Training planned for the months of July and August :

Work Zone Safety

July 28th - Session 1 (9am - 11am)
July 29th - Session 2 (9am - 11am)
August 18 - Session 1 (9am - 11am)
August 19 - Session 2 (9am - 11am)
August 20 - Session 1 (1:00pm - 3:00pm)
August 21 - Session 2 (1:00pm - 3:00pm)

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Click on "**Training Calendar**"

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Participant Sign-In Sheets: Use the sign-in sheet to document your safety training.

Suggested Agenda for the Monthly Safety Meeting:

- >>> Assemble the participants.
- >>> Hand out copies of the article and pass around the sign-in sheet.
- >>> Read the Safety Theme aloud.
- >>> Discuss aspects of the theme relevant to the department, with examples. Ask for ideas and encourage participation.



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The background of the entire page is a dramatic photograph of a lightning storm. Multiple bright, jagged lightning bolts are visible against a dark, cloudy sky. In the foreground, there is a field of golden-brown crops, possibly corn, and a line of trees with some autumn-colored foliage. A large, dark tree stands on the right side of the frame.

BE PREPARED FOR LIGHTNING STORMS

Have a Plan and Use It!

Click here to view the new [Safety Theme Video for Lightning Safety](#)



Don't Get Caught: Lightning Safety Tips

Plan your evacuation and safety measures in advance. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, activate your emergency plan. This is the time to go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

Buildings

A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls and floor, and has plumbing or wiring. Examples of safe buildings include a home, school, church, hotel, office building, or shopping center. If lightning should directly strike a building with electricity and/or plumbing, the dangerous electrical current from the flash will typically travel through the wiring and/or plumbing, and then into the ground. This is why you should stay away from showers, sinks, and hot tubs, as well as electronic equipment such as TVs, radios, corded telephones, and computers.

Unsafe buildings include carports, open garages, covered patios, picnic shelters, beach pavilions, golf shelters, tents of any kinds, baseball dugouts, sheds, and greenhouses.

Vehicles

A safe vehicle is any fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle, such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, or truck. If you drive into a thunderstorm, slow down and use extra caution. If possible, pull off the road into a safe area. Do not leave your vehicle during a thunderstorm.

While inside a safe vehicle, do not use electronic devices such as radio communications during a thunderstorm. Lightning striking the vehicle, especially the antenna(s), could cause serious injury if you are talking on the radio or holding the microphone at the time of the flash. Emergency officials such as police officers, firefighters, and security officers should be extremely cautious using radio equipment when lightning is in the area.

Unsafe vehicles include convertibles, golf carts, riding mowers, open cab construction equipment, and boats without cabins.

Outdoors

If outdoors, avoid water, high ground, and open spaces. Avoid all metal objects, including electric wires, fences, machinery, motors, and power tools. Unsafe areas include underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters, or near trees. Where possible, find shelter in a substantial building or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle such as a car, truck, or van with the windows completely shut. If lightning is striking nearby when you are outside, you should:

1. Crouch down.
2. Put your feet together
3. Place your hands over your ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder.

Always suspend activities for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder.



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