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- If there is an electrical storm, **GO INSIDE**, avoid electrical appliances, do not shower. If you are outside and cannot make it to a shelter, avoid isolated trees and poles. If you feel your hair stand on end, squat with your head between your legs.
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