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 1. Go to a basement (if available) or to the interior of lowest floor.
 2. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect you from flying debris.
- 📢 In a large building.
 1. Go to interior rooms on the lowest floor.
 2. Stay away from glass or areas with wide-span roofs (auditoriums).
 3. Crouch down and cover your head.
- 📢 In a high-rise building.
 1. If you have time go to the lowest floor.
 2. Go to the interior rooms or hallways.
 3. Stay away from exterior walls and areas with glass.
- 📢 In a vehicle or mobile building.
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- ⚡ If you are outdoors.
 1. Go to a safe shelter immediately such as a sturdy building or a hard topped vehicle with the windows up.
 2. In a wooded area seek shelter in a thick growth of short trees.
 3. If you feel your hair standing on end, squat with your head between your knees. Do not lie flat.
 4. Avoid isolated trees, tall objects, bodies of water, sheds, fences, convertible vehicles, tractors, and motorcycles.

Flash Flooding Safety Tips

- ⚡ Go to higher ground immediately; avoid small rivers, streams, low spots, canyons, dried river beds, etc.
- ⚡ Do not walk through flowing water more than ankle deep.
- ⚡ Do not drive through flooded areas even if it looks shallow. Water one foot deep can displace 1500 pounds.

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