

# Lightning Safety Chart

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Bryce Canyon National Park Utah



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- Not Safe / High Risk**
- Extremely Dangerous.
  - Avoid these areas if there are any thunderstorms.

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- Least Objectionable Alternative**
- Only acceptable to back country campers.
  - Not an acceptable alternative to day hikers.
  - Best to head up to a safe shelter before the storm hits.
  - Watch for vertical development in the clouds.

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- Safe**
- You are safe inside a modern building if you avoid metal conductors.
  - Getting inside an enclosed (hard-topped) vehicle can avoid many lightning hazards.

