

Lightening Information

Lightning is a severe weather event which can strike at any time. During the development of a thunderstorm, several states rank as the most dangerous for lightning deaths and injuries. **Information is courtesy of the NOAA Technical Memorandum NWS SR-193.**

Florida

Florida was known as the "Lightning Capital of the World" (NASA recently released a study that pegged Rwanda, Africa as the true lightning capital of the world.) With more deaths and injuries than all other states combined, Florida ranks as the #1 target for public safety and lightning awareness campaigns. 1523 Deaths and Injuries. (Track current lightening conditions - <http://www.flamedia.com/lightning/light.htm>)



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More information . . .

Ready.gov (USA gov't website) - planning & measures to take when lightening is in the area.
<https://www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning>

AccuWeather: Why Florida ranks highest for lightning fatalities in the US
<https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/why-florida-ranks-highest-for-lightning-fatalities-in-the-us/350561>

Bay News9: Florida regains the title for lightning capital of the USA
<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather/2022/01/09/did-florida-regain-title-for-lightning-capital-of-u-s->

FSU: Emergency Management, Lightening
<https://emergency.fsu.edu/resources/hazards/lightning>

Real Time Lightening Map
<https://www.lightningmaps.org/#m=oss;t=3;s=0;o=0;b=;ts=0;>

National Weather Service - Tampa
<https://www.weather.gov/tbw/>

National Geographic Lightening Information
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/lightning>