



Storm Protection

Thunderstorms

Storms are a major cause of damage to Churches.

While most storms only last 15 minutes or so, they present a real danger to the unprepared.

- Almost every aspect of these storms has the power to cause major damage.
- Lightning strikes, for instance are a big cause of fires in Churches.
- Power surges caused by lightning strikes can and do severely damage all types of electronic equipment.
- Strong winds can damage roofs, windows, vehicles and can cause serious injury.
- Hail can cause incredible damage in a very short space of time.
- Water leaks, if left un-repaired, can lead to rot, ceiling stains, electrical shorts and all sorts of other damage.

Checklist – minimising the risk of storm damage

Secure all loose articles in the grounds.

Keep gutters and down-pipes clear from debris.

Fit surge protectors to the main circuit board.

Cut away dead branches from trees.

Trim any branches that may interfere with electricity cables.

Install a lightning rod.

AFTER THE STORM PASSES

Check for damage and fix it as soon as possible.

Look for possible water entry points by identifying dark circles appearing on ceiling or wall plaster.

Remove loose or damaged tree branches.

Clear debris and potential hazards from the building.

Mop up excess water and dry damp carpets.

Inspect the roof.
