



# Storms and Flooding

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Sometimes there are big storms.  
There might be a lot of thunder and  
lightning.



The thunder is sometimes very loud. I can cover my ears with my hands or put ear plugs in when it is too loud.



The lightning might be very bright. I can close my eyes when I know the lightning is coming.



Usually, when there is thunder and lightning there is a lot of rain.



Sometimes, it rains so much, the area around my house might flood. Flood means that there is too much water.



When this happens, it might be dangerous to stay at my house. We might have to go stay somewhere else until it is safe to go back to my house.



My house might have been damaged by the flood.  
We need to stay at the new place until my house is  
OK to live in again.



I need to listen to mom and dad so that I stay safe. I can ask mom and dad questions about the storm, and they will explain what is happening.



It might feel scary living somewhere different. Mom and Dad will be there to look after you.



When you miss your old house, you can talk to mom/dad about it. You can also draw a picture about it.



If you feel scared or confused you  
can speak to someone about it.



As long as you're with your family,  
you will be ok.