

Lightning

PROJECT / SITE	DATE	TALK LED BY

THE HAZARD

Summer storms arrive faster than most sites can clear, and there is no safe outdoor position in a lightning storm. Cranes, scaffolds, steel and lifts are the worst places to be standing.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- Work continued because the storm looked like it was passing to one side.
- Crews sheltering under a tree, in an open shed, or beside plant and steel.
- Everyone back to work the moment the rain stops, while the storm is still in range.
- No agreed shelter, so people scatter to whatever is nearest.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Count the seconds between the flash and the thunder. Under thirty and you are in range.
- Stop crane, scaffold, steel, roof and lift work first. They come down before anything else.
- Get into a fully enclosed building or a hard-topped vehicle. Not a tree, not an open shed.
- Wait thirty minutes after the last thunder before going back out.
- Agree the shelter and who makes the call before the season, not during a storm.

ASK THE CREW

1. Where do crews shelter on this specific site?
2. Who calls the stop, and how do they tell everyone at once?
3. How long do we wait after the last thunder?
4. Who is on the highest point of this job today?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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