

Hail

ACTION CHECKLIST

Get indoors and stay away from windows during hail. If driving, stop in a safe place out of traffic when you can; stay inside the vehicle and protect yourself from broken glass. Do not stop beneath a highway overpass.

[] Leave the open

Move into a sturdy building before collecting possessions.

[] Stay away from glass

Use an interior room and keep pets inside.

[] If in a car

Pull over safely out of traffic, avoid flood-prone areas and remain in the vehicle.

[] Follow other warnings

Hail can accompany tornadoes, lightning and strong wind; act on those warnings as well.

WATCH FOR

Do not climb a wet or damaged roof to inspect it.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Remain under substantial shelter while hail continues. Keep shoes on and avoid glazing. Afterward, assess damage from the ground; loose roofing and hidden electrical damage can be more dangerous than the hail itself.

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Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/hail/>

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