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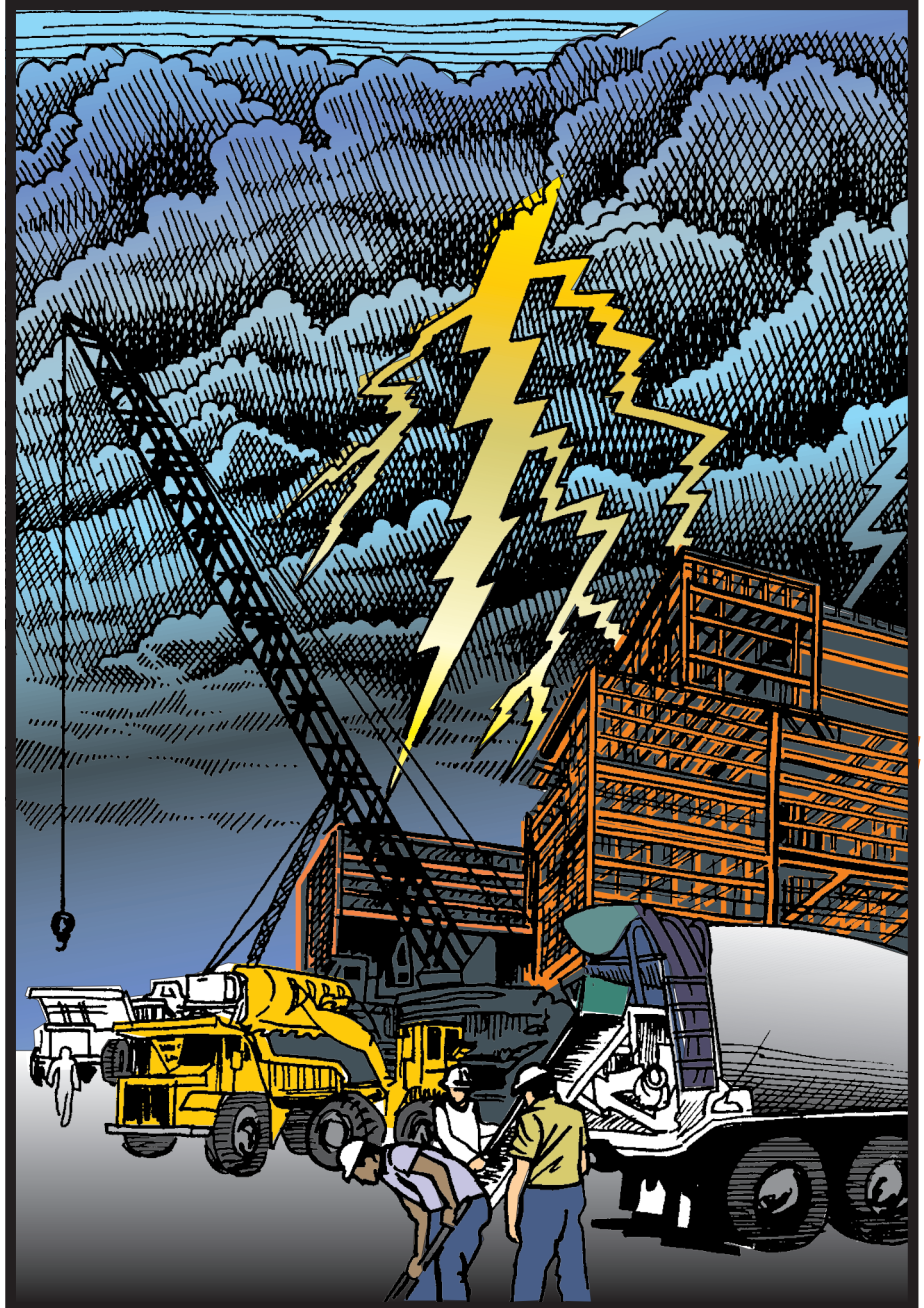
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When bad weather such as a severe thunderstorm is approaching, some of the safety steps that need to be taken into consideration are as follows:

1. Tie down any loose materials such as plywood or insulation that may fly off during high winds. Portable toilets may need to be secured to prevent a tip over.
2. Temporary wiring should be de-energized and extension cords unplugged and put away.
3. Work being done at high elevations such as roofing and the handling of large pieces of flat materials (transite, plywood, etc.) should stop.
4. Structural steel and or wood framing needs to be inspected and reinforced by guidelines or wood supports if needed.
5. Crane booms need to be lowered and possibly grounded.
6. Take refuge (preferably indoors) during a thunderstorm with lightning or high winds.
7. Let others know of any imminent severe weather.

You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in your area by having a plan in place. Be aware of such dangers as hurricanes, earthquakes, lightning storms, or extreme hot or cold temperatures. If an extreme weather situation arises, be sure to listen to the local emergency weather stations. Always keep candles and extra batteries on hand for use during an emergency.



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