



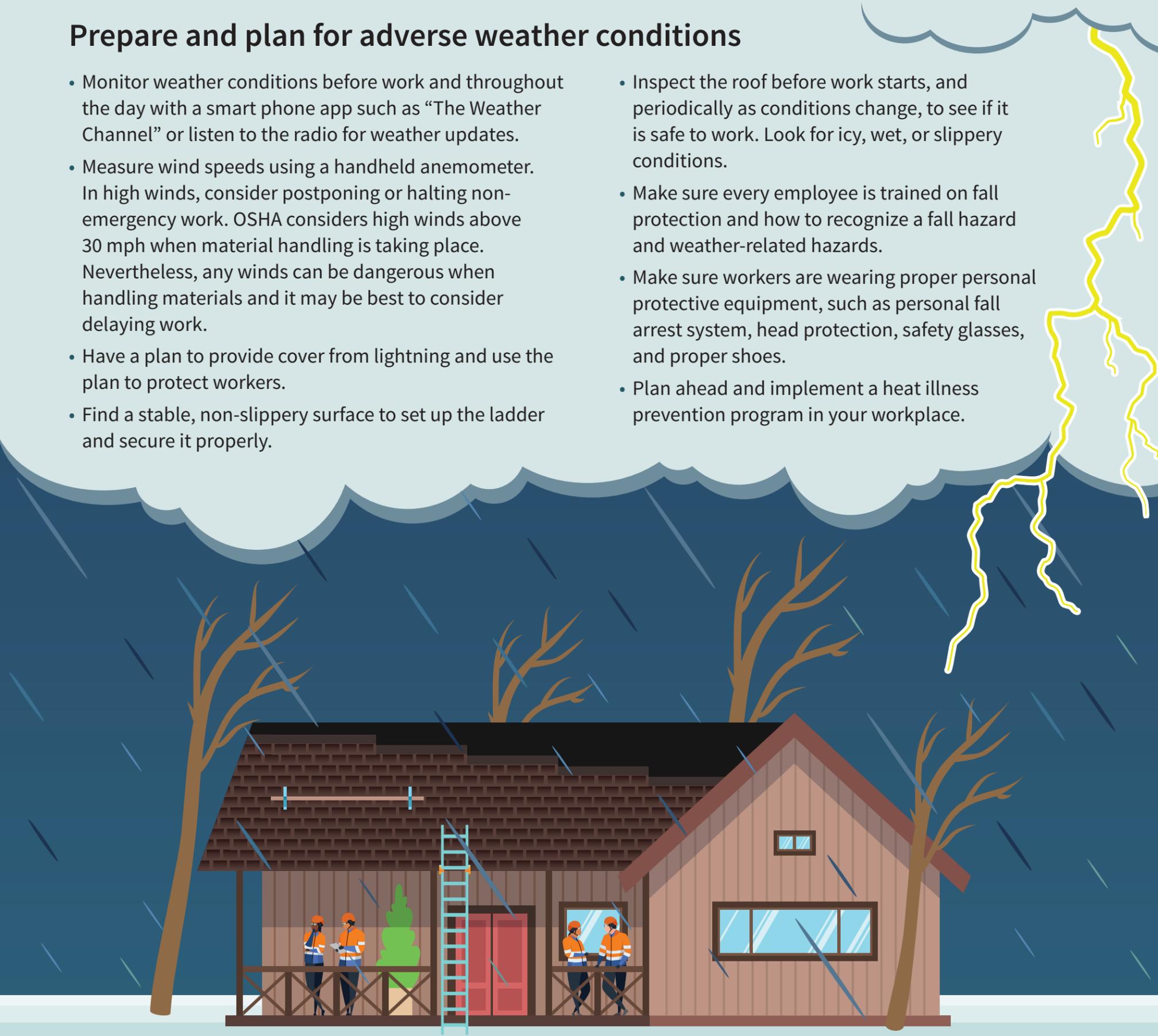
# ROOFING SAFETY: WEATHER TO WORK?

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## Stay safe under all weather conditions.

### Prepare and plan for adverse weather conditions

- Monitor weather conditions before work and throughout the day with a smart phone app such as “The Weather Channel” or listen to the radio for weather updates.
- Measure wind speeds using a handheld anemometer. In high winds, consider postponing or halting non-emergency work. OSHA considers high winds above 30 mph when material handling is taking place. Nevertheless, any winds can be dangerous when handling materials and it may be best to consider delaying work.
- Have a plan to provide cover from lightning and use the plan to protect workers.
- Find a stable, non-slippery surface to set up the ladder and secure it properly.
- Inspect the roof before work starts, and periodically as conditions change, to see if it is safe to work. Look for icy, wet, or slippery conditions.
- Make sure every employee is trained on fall protection and how to recognize a fall hazard and weather-related hazards.
- Make sure workers are wearing proper personal protective equipment, such as personal fall arrest system, head protection, safety glasses, and proper shoes.
- Plan ahead and implement a heat illness prevention program in your workplace.



### Resources

- **Lightning: Information for Workers** (<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/lightning/infoforworkers.html>)
- **Stay Safe When Working in Hot Weather** (<https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2020/05/21/heat-stress-construction/>)
- **Stay Safe When Working Outdoors in Cold Weather** (<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/coldstress/default.html>)

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