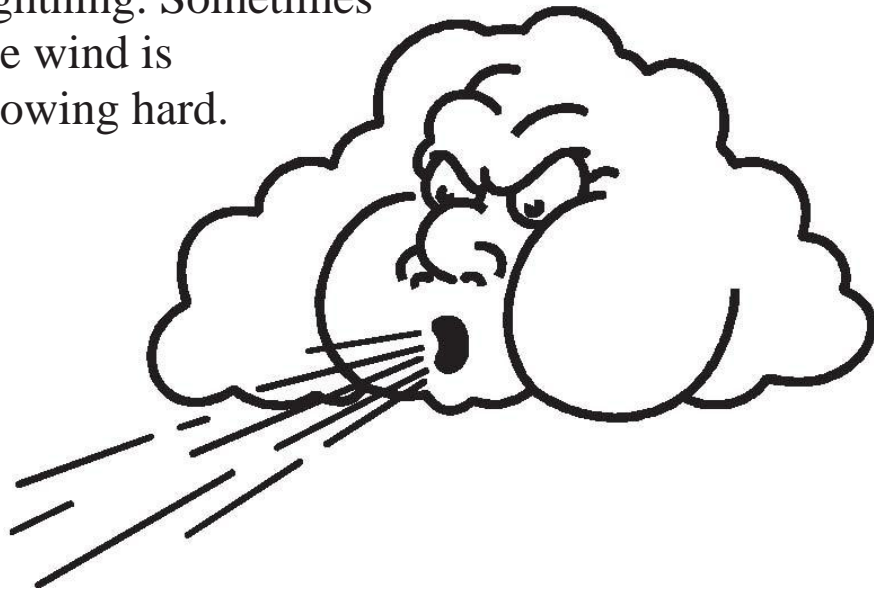


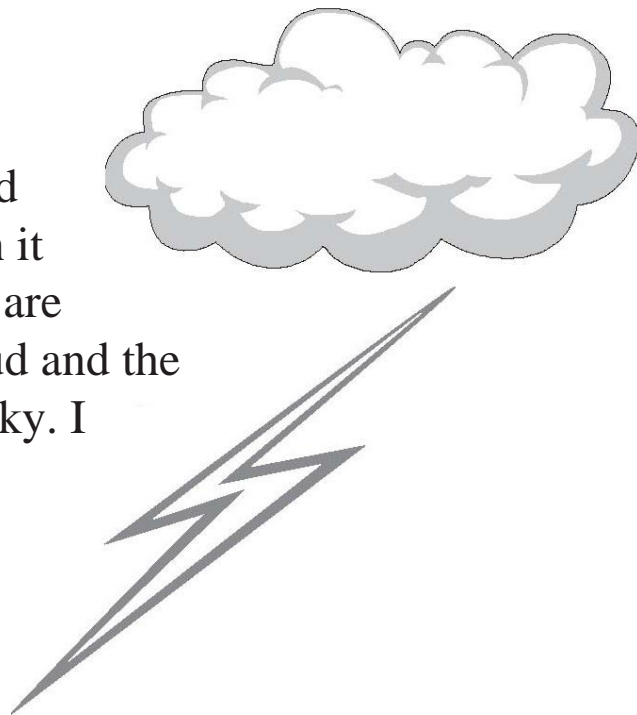


This sample social story contains illustrations. Many writers do not include illustrations with their social stories because children with autism can be very contextually bound and interpret both words and illustrations literally. It is up to the discretion of the writer to understand the needs of individual children and to exclude or include illustrations accordingly.

Sometimes the weather is bad.
There might be rain, thunder, or
lightning. Sometimes
the wind is
blowing hard.



Sometimes I can see clouds and lightning and hear thunder even when it is far away. The clouds are dark. The thunder is loud and the lightning lights up the sky. I know a storm might be coming.





I feel afraid when a storm is coming.
I don't like the loud thunder. I don't
like the bright lightning.



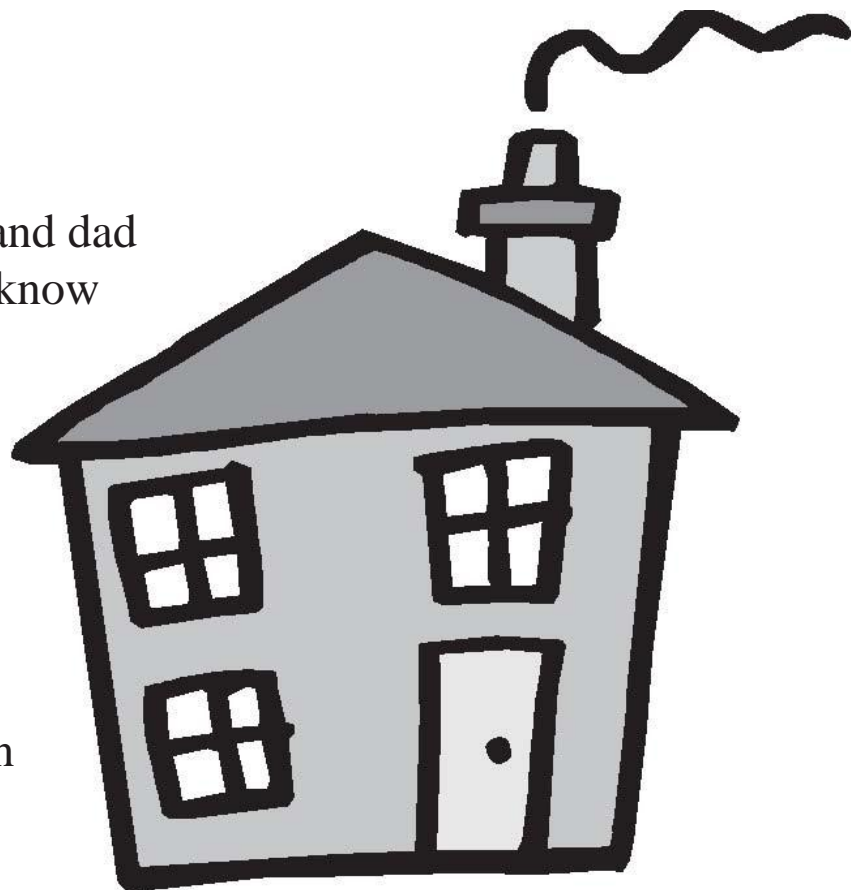
I know there are
ways to be safe.

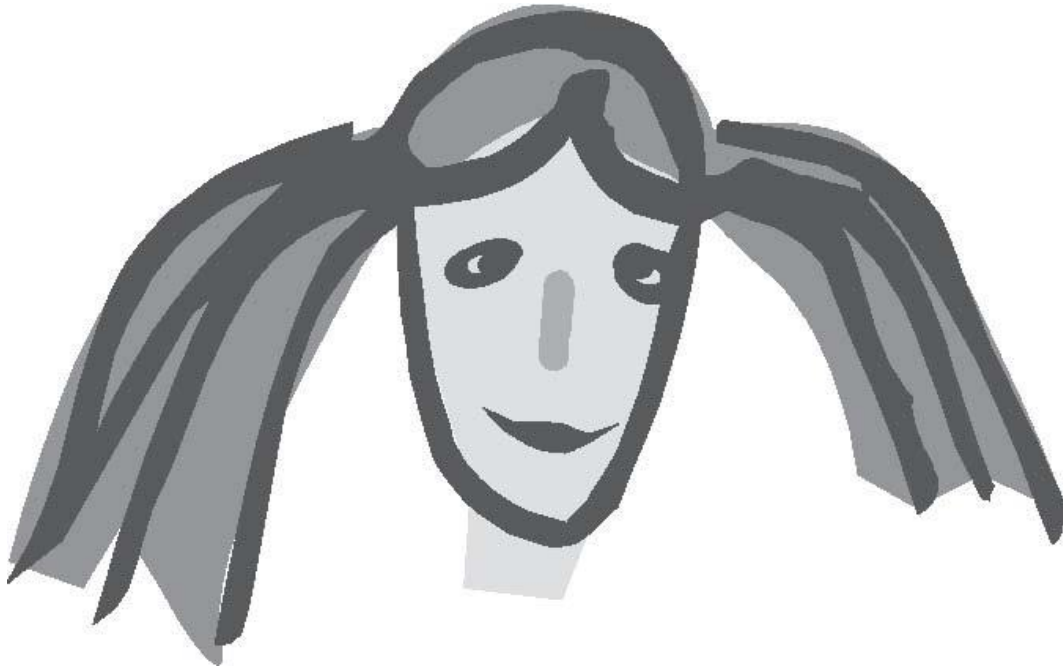


I can ask my mom or dad or teachers about the weather. They know what to do. I can listen to the weather report. I can stay inside. It is safe in the house or in school.

I know my mom and dad
and teachers will know
what to do if the
weather is bad. I
can be safe.

Other kids know
it is OK to check
with their moms
and dads and
teachers. They can
be safe.





I will be OK if I stay inside and do what
mom, dad, and my teachers say. They know
the safety rules. I can be safe in bad weather.