



Short Safety Subject

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Lightning Safety - Ball Field/Park/Swimming Pool

General Information.

Lightning's behavior is random and unpredictable. Preparedness and quick response are the best defenses towards the lightning hazard.

Lightning Safety for Ball Fields



At the first signs of lightning or thunder, leave the ball field. Go to your vehicle and take shelter there with the windows rolled up. If you can hear it thunder, suspend activities.

- **AVOID** the rain and sun shelters and the dugout areas. These are not safe from lightning.
- **AVOID** going underneath trees. Trees "attract" lightning.
- **AVOID** metal fences, gates, and tall light poles and power poles.

Wait 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before you leave shelter. Game officials will signal a resumption of activities.

Lightning Safety for Outdoor Parks

At the first signs of lightning or thunder, leave the park. Go to your vehicle and take shelter there with the windows rolled up. If you can hear it thunder, suspend activities.

- **AVOID** the rain and sun shelters in the park. These are not safe from lightning.
- **AVOID** going underneath trees. Trees "attract" lightning.
- **AVOID** metal fences, gates, and tall light poles and power poles.

Wait 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before you resume outdoor activities.

Lightning Safety for Swimming Pools.

Pools are connected to a much larger surface area via underground water pipes, gas lines, electric and telephone wiring, etc. A lightning strike in one place to this metallic network may induce shocks elsewhere. Indoor and outdoor pools are the same for lightning.



At the first signs of lightning or thunder, the pools must be evacuated. If you hear thunder, suspend activities.

Patrons should leave the pool and the surrounding area. Seek shelter inside building, or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle with the windows up.

- **AVOID** waiting under tall trees, umbrellas, or near electric power lines.
- **AVOID** use of showers or other contact with water.
- **AVOID** use of the telephone.
- **AVOID** contact with metal objects.