



St. Peter Athletic Club Lightning Policy

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ACTIVITY SUSPENSION – 10 miles

Activity should be suspended and evacuation of the venue by all individuals should begin when it is determined that lightning is within 10 statute miles of the venue, allowing time for all individuals to be completely within an identified safer location by the time the lightning is within 6 statute miles of the venue.

- Ensure a safe and orderly evacuation from the venue to the designated safer location with announcements and appropriate signage.
- Avoid using landline telephones except in emergency situations. Cellular phones are a safe alternative to a landline phone.

ACTIVITY RESUMPTION – 30 minute “return-to-play” clock

To resume athletics activity and return outdoors, lightning safety experts recommend waiting 30 minutes after both the last sound of thunder is heard and the last flash of lightning is seen or is at least 10 statute miles away. At night, be aware that lightning can be visible at a much greater distance than during the day as clouds are being lit from the inside by lightning. This greater distance may mean that the lightning is no longer a significant threat. At night use the sound of thunder, the sight of the lightning channel itself, and the distance of lightning from the venue for consideration of re-setting the 30-minute “return-to-play” clock before returning outdoors.