



CITY OF CROWN POINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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SEVERE WEATHER & LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM POLICY

Crown Point PACE, in conjunction with Crown Point EMA, has established this severe weather and lightning response policy for any events that take place in Crown Point PACE facilities. The purpose is to guide you to safety in the event our Severe Weather/Lightning Detection System sounds.

This policy should be implemented and will be strictly enforced in the event of activation of the city's severe weather and lightning detection system.

Severe weather and lightning are violent acts of nature. Most severe weather and lightning are violent acts of nature. In most instances, people injured by lightning are not directly hit. These non-direct hit injuries are caused by transients, currents that flow through people in the vicinity where lightning strikes the ground.

A severe weather and lightning detection system provides early-warning of incoming storms and lightning throughout our parks. The warning system detects, and tracks lightning strikes and provides warning when strikes are within an 8-mile radius.

Be vigilant in monitoring threatening weather and always error on the side of caution. In the event the severe weather and lightning warning siren goes off, all the fields/ball diamonds should be cleared immediately. Everyone should proceed to a safe shelter.

Lightning strikes occur most frequently during the spring and summer months when thunderstorms are prevalent. It is the policy of the Crown Point PACE department that all persons supervising outdoor activities be aware that when lightning or thunder is observed or heard, outdoor programs should be suspended, and everyone should seek appropriate shelter. Supervisors should adhere to the following procedures and guidelines.



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Policy:

Directors, coaches and game officials should have a general idea of the day's current weather forecasts the morning of any outdoor planned activities so that everyone can be alert to changing weather conditions.

For the safety of our patrons, Crown Point EMA and Crown Point PACE have installed a **Severe Weather & Lightning Detection System**. These units are located throughout our sports complexes. This system predicts when conditions indicate the potential for severe weather and/or a lightning strike.

When the system activates, you will hear an audible siren with a verbal message (repeated 3 times) and a strobe light will be on - take shelter- the strobe light remains on during severe weather warnings and lightning detection. You will hear this message repeated every 10 minutes until the all clear message. When an audible siren sounds with a verbal all clear message (repeated 3 times) and the strobe light is off - It is safe to return.

Seek shelter immediately if you see the strobe light on when arriving at the park.

This system is not absolute protection. Use common sense.

When the Severe Weather/Lightning Detection System sounds the warning siren and the strobe light is on:

- All activities must be immediately stopped.
- Park patrons should seek shelter in their cars (with the windows rolled up) or in a building. Patrons should avoid areas that are higher than the surrounding landscape; they should not use a tree or awning for shelter, and should keep away from metal objects such as bicycles, golf clubs, fences, umbrellas, etc.
- All athletic teams must take cover in their vehicles with windows rolled up and remove themselves from all dugouts and fields.
- Even if the weather does not appear to be threatening, everyone should seek shelter. People have been struck by a bolt out of the blue. A bolt out of the blue is one that strikes when the sky is clear.
- Remain in the shelter until the system an audible siren sounds with a verbal all clear message (repeated 3 times) and the strobe light is off, signaling the all-clear.
- It is the coaches and game officials' responsibility to remove all players from athletic

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fields at the sounding of the weather sirens or first sight of lightning or the first sound of thunder.

- Whenever lightning is observed or thunder is audible, all outdoor activities should be suspended until the all-clear siren and message and/or for a minimum of 30 minutes after the last sign of lightning or thunder is observed.

When Outside:

- Avoid areas that are higher than the surrounding landscape.
- Avoid all outdoor metal objects like flag poles, fences and gates, high mast light poles, metal bleachers, golf cars, machinery, etc.
- AVOID trees. AVOID water. AVOID open fields. AVOID the high ground.
- If you feel your hair standing on end, and/or hear "crackling noises" - you are in lightning's electric field. If caught outside during close-in lightning, immediately remove metal objects (including baseball cap), place your feet together, duck your head, and crouch down low in baseball catcher's stance with hands on knees.

First Aid for lightning victims:

- If someone in your presence is struck by lightning, it is safe to touch them to administer medical treatment. You are not at risk helping since individuals struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge. Apply first aid immediately if you are qualified to do so. Call 9-1-1 and get emergency help promptly.

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WEATHER SAFETY

This facility is equipped with a weather alerting system

What the Sounds & Strobe Light Mean

3x Warning Tone - Lightning/Weather Warning Message

Lightning/Severe Weather Detected - SEEK SHELTER NOW

Strobe Flashing

(WILL FLASH FOR 30 MINUTES AFTER LIGHTING OR UNTIL WEATHER PASSES)

Lightning/Severe Weather in Area - Under Alert - SEEK SHELTER NOW

3x Warning Tone - All Clear Message

All Clear - Safe to Resume Outdoor Activities

SEEK

- Enclosed & Grounded Building
- Enclosed Automobile / Truck
- Approved Lightning Shelter

AVOID

- The Outdoors
- Open Areas
- Water
- Tall Trees
- Metal Fences
- Overhead Wires & Power Lines
- Elevated Ground
- Golf Carts
- Mowers
- Rain Shelters



NO PLACE OUTSIDE IS SAFE DURING A THUNDERSTORM.
This system does not guarantee that conditions are safe.

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