



1. WEATHER & WILDLIFE PROCEDURES

Managers are responsible for checking weather conditions ahead of practices and games. If weather conditions become unsafe, managers and umpires should be quick to postpone a game or practice.

i. Thunder and Lightning Safety Procedures

A thunderstorm can cast lightning up to 10 miles from the edge of the storm, or about as far as the sound of thunder can carry. EDHLL follows Little League policy regarding lightning safety with the following guidelines:

1. Watch for developing or approaching storms; use all resources (web, TV, radio, etc.) to determine the risk level.
2. At the first sound of thunder or visible lightning - **CLEAR THE FIELD!**

WHAT TO DO:

- Go to a large, enclosed building, if one is nearby.
- Go to metal-top cars, with windows rolled up, if no enclosed building is available.
- Complete a check of the facility for anyone still outdoors.

What NOT to do:

- Do NOT allow players to remain in the dugouts OR spectators to stay in the stands.
- Do NOT carry metal items (like bats) or walk beside metal fences.
- Do NOT go to an open-sided shelter; it is not adequate and should not be used.

Resuming activities:

- Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike/peal of thunder before returning to play.
- Do not leave the facility until directed; wait at designated location(s) at the field until the game is postponed or canceled.
- Make sure all players are accounted for and leave with the approved person(s).

If someone is struck by lightning:

- Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge, are safe to handle, and need immediate medical attention.
- Call for help. Have someone call 9-1-1. Give first aid. Begin CPR if necessary.
- If possible, move the victim to a safer place.

For more information and tips on lightning safety, visit NOAA's website:

<http://elcosh.org/document/4154/d001459/osh-a-noaa-fact-sheet%3A-lightning-safetywhen-working-outdoors.html>

ii. Heat

Hot weather may become an issue toward the end of the regular season and will be an issue during tournament play in June and July. For league games and practices, EDHLL will advise

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managers if conditions are unsafe and instruct them to cancel via email, the website, and social media. Please refer to the [EDHLL Heat & Air Quality Policies and Procedures](#) document on the EDHLL website safety page for more information. During tournament play, the District Administrator will notify managers when games will be canceled due to inclement/unsafe weather.

(1) **3c. Wildlife on the Field**

Managers/coaches and umpires are required to inspect the field before every practice/game, and to report any safety issues to the EDHLL Safety Officer and any field issues to the EDHLL Field Coordinator. In the case of potentially dangerous wildlife on the field, please do not approach the animal or attempt to remove it yourself. EDHLL has had reported incidents of rattlesnakes on the field (outfield, under a base, etc.) and in the shed, and there are other possibly threatening wildlife in our area that could inadvertently wander onto a field. Please observe the following steps to keep everyone safe, and ONLY allow play to begin/resume when the threat has been removed.

i. Rattlesnakes

- **DO NOT touch a snake, and DO NOT approach it.** This is for the nearby humans' and the animal's safety. A rattlesnake's instinct is to get away from people, however, when it is confronted or feels threatened, it will defend itself.
- **Call 9-1-1.** Identify your call as a non-emergency call, describe the issue (including size and location of the rattlesnake), and you will be routed to fire department dispatch for removal.
- Keep everyone away from the field until the rattlesnake has been removed.

ii. Mountain lions, bears, aggressive dogs, etc.

- **DO NOT approach a wild animal or aggressive domestic animal.** For everyone's safety, ask players and spectators to remain in their vehicles.
- **Call 9-1-1.** Identify the problem as a potentially dangerous wild or aggressive animal on the field. Your call will be routed to animal control or the sheriff's office/dispatch for assistance.
- Keep everyone away from the field until the threat has been removed.