



Miami Township Lightning Policy

1. Anytime lightning is visible or you hear thunder, all player, coaches, spectators, umpires and referees should **Take Shelter Immediately!**
2. Lightning Predictor - The Thor-Guard Lightning Predictor has been installed at Miami Meadows Park and Paxton-Ramsey Park. The Thor-Guard Lightning Predictor is programmed to emit a loud horn blast for 15 seconds as soon as there is a 30% chance that lightning will strike in a 2-mile radius. After the horn goes off, a yellow strobe will continue to flash until the risk of lightning has decreased. As soon as the horn or strobe are noted, outside activities should cease. All people (coaches, teams, spectators, officials, etc.) should immediately seek safe and appropriate shelter. When the risk if lightning has decreased to a safer level, the detector will sound 3 short all-clear blasts and the strobe will cease. For parks without the Thor-Guard Lightning Predictor, anytime lightning is visible or you hear thunder, pleas take shelter immediately.
3. Umpires, referees and/or event supervisor(s) should instruct all players, coaches, and fans that a danger is present and they should seek lightning safe shelter immediately. Recommended places for shelter are buildings with active electrical circuits and hard top vehicles with all windows closed. Picnic shelters ARE NOT suitable shelter.
4. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash or the last sound of thunder before resuming activities.
5. Danger Zones To Avoid – Top floor of a building, showering, standing on concrete, talking on corded phones or touching any metal object inside or outside of buildings and structures.
6. If the hair on your head or on your arms stands up or if you feel a tingling sensation: A. Immediately crouch down, put your feet together, lower your head, cover your ears and close your eyes and remain there until the sensation subsides; B. Avoid proximity and maintain a minimum of 15 ft. to other people.
7. If anyone is struck by lightning **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**
8. We encourage you to develop and follow a “Lightning Safety Plan” for your specific event or activity.
9. This policy is not intended to be all inclusive. All park users assume all risks associated with the use of parks including potential of lightning strikes or other dangers resulting from inclement weather. We make no guarantee that the Thor-Guard Lightning Predictor will function as designed. Miami Township assumes no liability to park users as a result of installation of lightning detection system.