



Lightning and Thunderstorm Facts

- ❖ The average thunderstorm is 6 to 10 miles wide; however, lightning strikes can reach up to 10 miles beyond the leading edge of a storm.
- ❖ Lightning strikes can be 5 to 12 miles long, and thunder is heard up to 12 miles away from a lightning strike.
- ❖ Therefore: many lightning deaths/ injuries occur under CLOUDLESS SKIES.
- ❖ “A developing storm may provide no advance warning before the first lightning strike.”
- ❖ “Blue sky, sunshine, or lack of rain is not a reason to return to the pool area.”
- ❖ Pools that have an obstructed view should evacuate anytime thunder is heard.
- ❖ **If you can hear thunder, you are in danger of lightning strikes!**

Under YMCA Services Corporation guidelines:

- ❖ everyone must leave the pool deck because he or she is at risk of being struck by lightning. All those on and around the pool deck are in danger of electrocution in the incident of a lightning strike.
- ❖ This facility must be cleared at any sign of severe weather to prevent injury or fatality.

Thus, if lightning is seen or thunder is heard:

- ❖ **All patrons must quickly evacuate from pool decks, spa, sauna, steam room, and whirlpool area and into the main building to ensure their safety**
- ❖ **Pool activities may continue 30 minutes after last seen/ heard evidence of inclement weather.**

Thank you for your cooperation,

Aquatics Department

