



POLICIES and PROCEDURES

Responsible Unit	Safety & Security
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Policy	LIGHTNING POLICY

The following policy identifies appropriate procedures to be practiced with all outdoor events on the Acadia University campus in preparation for severe weather in the form of electrical storms (thunder and lightning).

Use the 30/30 Rule:

- Take the appropriate shelter when you count 30 seconds or less between lightning flashes and thunder.
- Remain sheltered for 30 minutes following the last indication of thunder.
- Safe shelter shall be an inside area, away from doorways and windows. The shelter shall be able to keep the athletes and fans (for sporting events) or other event-goers comfortable for up to 1 hour or more.
- While less than ideal, some individuals may opt to use their motor vehicle for shelter. When possible it is important to remind vehicle users to avoid contact with the steering wheel, ignition, keys and/or radio.

At the first sign of an electrical storm, organizers and officials are expected to use the 30/30 rule and game play or events should cease if it reaches this criteria – 30 seconds or less between lightning flashes and thunder. All participants (players, officials, crew, fans, Safety and Security personnel, etc.) are to proceed to a safe shelter area with preference being inside a building. The event will not commence until thirty (30) minutes following the last sign of an electrical storm that has been witnessed by Organizers, Officials or Department of Safety and Security staff.

If the storm is long lasting or leaves conditions that are unsuitable to carry on an event, the event will be postponed by the Organizers and Officials. Following postponement of an event, access for any other upcoming outdoor events will be determined by Event Organizers in consultation with the Department of Safety and Security.