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Lightning Protection Procedure

It is critical that all staff and volunteers follow this procedure and understand the dangers of lightning. Volunteers and staff *must* take immediate action in the event of lightning or thunder. Lightning's behavior is random and unpredictable. While the risk of lightning strikes and injuries cannot be eliminated, *preparedness and quick response* are the best defenses towards reducing the lightning hazard. As such, it is the policy of the Buffalo Grove Park District that all athletic events and contests are immediately suspended when lightning is spotted or thunder is heard. All participants and spectators are to be cleared from the field and find safe shelter. In all cases, the following procedure will be followed:

At the first signs of lightning or thunder, leave the ball field. Go to your vehicle and take shelter there with the windows rolled up. ("If you can hear it (thunder), Clear It (suspend activities).")

AVOID the rain. **AVOID** shelters and dugout areas. These are not safe from lightning.

AVOID going underneath trees. Trees "attract" lightning.

AVOID metal fences, gates, and tall light poles and power poles.

Wait 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder before you leave shelter. Game officials will signal a resumption of activities.

(For more information, please refer to the National Lightning Safety Institute.)