

GLSA Lightning Safety Plan

Lightning Stop: As soon as lightning or thunder are observed all outdoor activity is to be suspended. At LTSC, the [Thor Guard lightning prediction system](#) will indicate the high probability of a lightning strike (and the beginning of a Lightning Stop) by sounding a single long blast of its air-horn. People are to seek shelter in a fully enclosed metal vehicle with windows up or in a substantial building. Activities may resume only when the Thor Guard sounds the all clear with three blasts of the horn. At a location not covered by Thor Guard activities may be resumed when lightning or thunder have NOT been observed for thirty minutes.

Additional information is available at the [National Weather Service - Lightning Safety](#) web site.

Thor Guard Signals:

A single long blast indicates the high probability of a lightning strike and the beginning of a Lightning Stop.

Three shorter blasts indicates "All-clear" and the end of the lightning stop.

Two shorter blasts is a maintenance signal and may be ignored.

Areas considered safe:

- a. Inside a fully enclosed metal vehicle with windows up
- b. Inside a substantial building (roof and four walls)

Unsafe Areas:

- a. Small buildings including picnic shelters & the open area of the concession stand..
- b. Anywhere near metallic objects like flagpoles, soccer goals, metal bleachers, electric equipment....
- c. Open fields, trees, and water.
- d. Anywhere else not considered safe!

If a strike occurs:

- a. Get emergency help promptly by dialing 911.
- b. If you are qualified to do so, apply First Aid immediately.
- c. People struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to touch.

Restarting after the All-Clear:

At a practice location not covered by Thor Guard the Coach will suspend the practice and make the decision to cancel practice or to resume after the thirty minute Lightning Stop.

GLSA Recreation League games at LTSC, if the All-Clear sounds:

- a. WITHIN 15 minutes of the start of the Lightning Stop:
The schedule will resume with referees slightly reducing times for the remaining quarters.
- b. LONGER THAN 15 minutes after the start of the Lightning Stop:
Games still in the first half will be cancelled and will be re-scheduled.
Games which have completed the first half will be considered finished and will not be rescheduled.
Games that cannot start within 15 minutes of their scheduled start time are cancelled and will be rescheduled.

GLSA Competitive Program games are subject to Thor Guard at LTSC or the thirty minute Lightning Stop at away games. Games can be cancelled by the assigned USSF certified referee and reschedules are handled by the appropriate league.