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# **Lightning Safety For Those Who Spend Time Outdoors**

Outdoor activities are enjoyed by many throughout the world. These activities can be both pleasure and work related. Often, these activities are carried out under the auspices of some organization like an employer or sports organization.

Where thunderstorms are a possibility, these organizations should have a policy in place to deal with the real chance of lightning strikes. Lightning has been the number 2 weather related killer in the USA since 1959. To assure the safety of all people under their care or supervision, all organizations including employers must have policies in place to prevent lightning strike tragedies.

Lightning can be unpredictable when there is thunderstorm activity. Often, people will rely on old and mythical ways of determining how far away a lightning storm is. Far too often, people are at high risk of lightning strikes without knowing it.

Today, there are ways to detect lightning and learn how far away it is with a [lightning detector](#). Further, the person monitoring the detection device can discover which way the storm is moving. More educated decisions can be made about outdoor events and their continuance when these detectors are in use.

Over the past few years, many lightning deaths and tragedies could have been prevented. Because they do not use lightning detection devices, too many organizations cannot make knowledgeable decisions. Safety is of the utmost importance when supervising workers and other outdoor participants when there are chances of lightning strikes.

Any type of organization that hosts outdoor events, outdoor activities or outdoor employment is responsible for the safety of those participating. You will also need to plan for the safety of those who attend your event as a spectator. Are you in charge of organizing outdoor soccer games or track and field days at the schools in your neighborhood? Perhaps you are part of management of a mining company where workers are exposed to the elements. Maybe you organize outdoor events for children.

During the seasons of thunderstorm activity, how do you make decisions about the safety of those you are responsible for?

If you do organize and manage outdoor activities that involve other people, you should make sure you have a lightning and thunderstorm policy with procedures that will assure safety. As well as policies and procedures, having lightning detection devices will be able to guide you to making the right decision when there is a risk of lightning.

Click here to learn more about [a portable lightning detector](#).

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