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# **Play And Work Outdoors - Are You Prepared For Lightning?**

Throughout the world, many individuals enjoy participating in activities out of doors. These activities are not just for enjoyment but can also be employment related. These activities are quite frequently organized by sporting clubs and employers.

Does that organization have a policy in place to deal with thunder storms that produce lightning strikes? In North America, lightning strikes have been the second most frequent weather related killer. In order to ensure the protection of all participants in outside activities, it is imperative that all supervising groups have lightning risk policies in place.

Predicting lightning strikes is nearly impossible during thunderstorms, and many are not fully aware of the dangers. There are still many myths that people believe today about thunderstorms and how to determine how far away they are. Outdoor activities are too often allowed to continue because the risks of lightning strikes in the immediate area are not really known.

Today, there are ways to detect lightning and learn how far away it is with a [lightning detector](#). As well, one can find out in which direction a storm that contains lightning strikes is moving. With this type of detection, better decisions can be made about outdoor activities and whether or not they should continue.

Too many tragedies have occurred in the past several years that were completely preventable - death and injury as a result of being struck by lightning. An exorbitant number of organizations and employers of outdoor work people have still not acquired lightning detection for the safety of the individuals under their responsibility. Although it might be a big decision to have to direct people to safe locations when the big game is going on, or when work is getting done outside, but knowing there is lightning in the area can help keep everyone safer.

No matter what type of organization you belong to, safety for all individuals that are participating in your event or work related activity are your responsibility. You also need to keep in mind the safety of any audience that may be attending your event. Are you responsible for sporting events at your local schools? Perhaps you are responsible for the safety of military employees who work outdoors. Maybe you are responsible for and have children under your care during outside recreation.

When there is the possibility of lightning activity, don't you need to be assured that you have the ability and knowledge to make the wisest decisions about your safety and those around you?

If you're one of the people that is involved in the operation of outdoor activities, find out if your organization has a policy and plan to deal with lightning and thunderstorms. In addition to a safety plan, a lightning detection device will be valuable to you in ensuring the safety of those you are responsible for.

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

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