

Inclement Weather & Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System

Overview

How It Works

The Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System is a proactive solution for lightning safety.

Thor Guard Is Located

- Skokie Playfields (Field 1 Backstop)
- Winnetka Golf Club
- Duke Childs
- Nick Corwin Park (On Shed)

Operational Statistics

- The system has a coverage area radius of 3 miles
- System operates seven days per week, from April 1st-November 30th
- Times of operation are 8am-10:30pm

When A Threat Is Detected

The warning horn will sound with an uninterrupted 15-second blast and a strobe light will flash. Once a threat is detected, the system continuously updates weather data.

**If the weather appears to be threatening and no alarm is heard, please leave the park.*

**See page 2 for response to Thor Guard Detection*

Appropriate Shelter (At Skokie Playfields)

- 1st-Hard top vehicle (if unavailable proceed to one of the following Park District Shelters)
- 2nd-Administration Building (if available)
- 3rd-A.C. Nielsen Tennis Center (Front desk will inform patrons where to go)
- 4th-Winnetka Ice Arena

What To Avoid During Lightning Detection

- Open areas/isolated trees
- Elevated ground
- Maintenance machinery
- Open top of soft top vehicles
- Overhead wires/power lines
- Dugouts
- Metal
- Water
- Wire Fences

Other Non-Covered Locations

Signal horns may not be at your site, but at a site within ear shot. If you hear the alarm, please leave the park immediately.

Response to Thor Guard

Youth	PARENTS	COACHES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear fields immediately and seek appropriate shelter • Communicate with Coaches and Parents • Bring your equipment with you • Remain calm and organized when entering a building • Make arrangements to be picked up if activities are cancelled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear fields immediately and seek appropriate shelter • Communicate with Coaches and your child • If inclement weather exists or is in the forecast, stay on site and refer to the coaches on activities • Be “On-Call” to arrange for pickup of your child if activities are cancelled • Evaluate the situation - See below for Park District Policy on resuming activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear fields immediately and seek appropriate shelter • Communicate with Parents and your players • Supervise the players on your team • Leave goals and/or large equipment on the fields • Remain calm and organized when entering a building • Evaluate the situation - See below for Park District Policy on resuming activities • If activities are cancelled, make sure all players are safely off-site

Practices/Camps/Games

- Wait for the “all clear” signal (3 short bursts) to resume outdoor activities. After 30 minutes of sustained lightning threat and the “all clear” signal hasn’t been sounded camps/games will be cancelled.
- If it clears before the 30 minute time limit and another Thor Guard alert sounds ALL practices/camps/games are cancelled for the evening for the immediate safety of the patrons.

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Duke Childs



Skokie Playfields



Golf Club House



Nick Corwin Park