

“Lightning is deadly and should be considered one of the primary criteria for postponing your outdoor event! If you hear thunder, even a distant rumble, you are at risk from being struck by lightning. At this point you will want to immediately postpone your outdoor event and move people to safety.”

“Fully enclosed buildings with wiring and plumbing provide the best protection from lightning. Trees, sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches DO NOT protect you from lightning. If a sturdy shelter is not nearby, get into a hard-topped metal vehicle and close all the windows. Stay inside until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.”

“We have room under the tunnel, the bleachers, to allow for both the home and visiting team and also the dressing rooms which will allow them to take shelter. And then we would worry about evacuating the participants, the fans and spectators from the area.”

“Wind gusts up to 60 mph can be expected with this line of thunderstorms.”

“If a severe thunderstorm or tornado threatens, the safest place to be is an underground shelter, or safe room. If these are not available, a small interior room, or hallway, on the lowest level of a sturdy building, is the safest

alternative. The key here is you want to put as many walls between you and the outside as possible, and be sure to stay away from windows and doors. Mobile facilities, such as tents, portable buildings, and recreational vehicles are NOT safe shelters in severe thunderstorms.”

“Remember, knowing what to do when hazardous weather approaches could mean the difference between life and death. When hosting an outdoor event; having a plan in place and knowing when to implement it is vital to everyone's safety.”