

Cohasset High School Lightning Policy

IMPORTANT LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM POLICY

Below is the Cohasset Middle High School WeatherBug Lightning Detection Safety Policy. Please read this and share it with your coaches.

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Functions of the WeatherBug Lightning Detection System

This is an automatic system that enables itself upon weather threats in the area. It is not controlled by a person.

1. When lightning approaches a ten-mile radius from Cohasset Middle-High School, the Lightning Detection System will activate a flashing light and an alarm will sound for approximately twenty seconds.
2. As soon as the Lightning Warning System enables, everyone **MUST** remove themselves from their outdoor activity and seek shelter or face loss of field use privilege.
3. The flashing light will then continue for thirty minutes after the last lightning strike within a ten-mile radius; all fields must remain cleared through the duration of the activated warning system.
4. When the warning alarm sounds three short, steady tones and the flashing light goes out it is permissible to reenter the field.
5. Under absolutely no circumstances is anyone allowed back on the field prior to the Lightning Warning System disabling itself.
6. This system may reactivate at any time throughout the duration that the fields are open depending on the storm activity and its whereabouts. There are no false alarms.
7. Members of the Public using the parks and fields on an individual, unorganized basis are also subject to the same policy.
8. All protective measures must be adhered to at all times.

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Recommendations

FYI: THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE SYSTEM IS OFFLINE FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. IF YOU HEAR THUNDER OR SEE LIGHTNING AND THE HORN DOES NOT SOUND EVACUATE THE FIELD.

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2. If the Cohasset Public School buildings are open to the public, seek shelter inside.

3. At fields that do not have a safe outdoor structure to provide shelter: For places of safety during a thunderstorm, a vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides offers some protection. Close the windows, lean away from the sides of the car, and keep your hands in your lap. Do not touch the steering wheel, ignition, gear shifter or radio. Stay away from plumbing, electrical outlets and appliances.