

## **Bloomington Youth Sports Association Thor Guard Activation Policy**

Bloomington Youth Sports Association has installed a state of the art lightning prediction system. This system warns when the atmosphere is capable of producing deadly lightning strikes. This system will give a warning approximately 10 minutes prior to a lightning strike. This system has the capability of detecting the first strike of an impending storm. It may activate when lightning is seen by the naked eye. It is set to protect our park and will activate when it detects the probability of lightning in the vicinity of BYSA. More information on this system is available at ThorGuard.com.

When the alert horns activate (1 long 15 second blast followed by the activation of the strobe light at concession stand #1) all play is to stop and all persons are to immediately seek appropriate shelter as listed below. There are no exceptions to this rule. **Disregard for this policy will result in a referral to BYSA's disciplinary committee.** The amber strobe light will continue to flash the whole time the system is in alert. When the system determines play can resume, 3 short blasts will be heard and the strobe light will shut off. The strobe light will let you know the system is in alert if you happen to arrive at the park after the warning horns have activated.

### **Safe Buildings:**

A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls, and floor, such as a home, school, office building or a shopping center. Picnic shelters, dugouts, sheds and other partially open or small structure are NOT safe. The safe buildings at BYSA **do not** have the capacity to hold all the players and spectators attending BYSA practices and games. **You must seek shelter in safe vehicle as listed below.**

### **Unsafe Buildings:**

Examples of buildings which are unsafe include car ports, covered but open garages, covered patio, picnic shelters, beach shacks/pavilions, golf shelters, camping tents, baseball dugouts and other small buildings such as sheds and greenhouses that do not have electricity or plumbing. Once again, the only suitable option at BYSA is a safe vehicle as listed below.

### **Safe Vehicle:**

A safe vehicle is a hard-topped car, SUV, minivan, bus, etc. (soft-topped convertibles are not safe). If you seek shelter in your vehicle, make sure all doors are closed and windows rolled up. Do not touch any metal surfaces.

**The need for appropriate shelter will require that every player must have a plan in case of a lightning emergency. You must talk to all of your families at the first team meeting regarding this policy. Children should also know what their plan is in case of an emergency.**

**Disregard for this policy will result in a referral to BYSA's disciplinary committee and will be referred as a 2 strike violation. See BYSA's Code of Conduct for more information.**