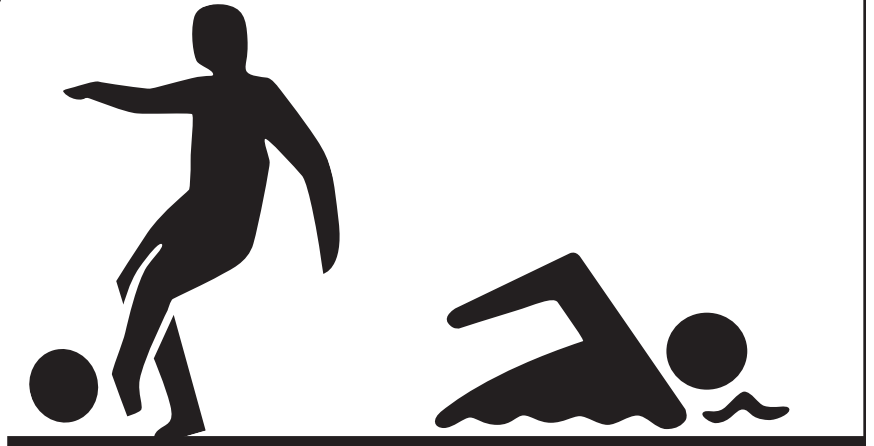
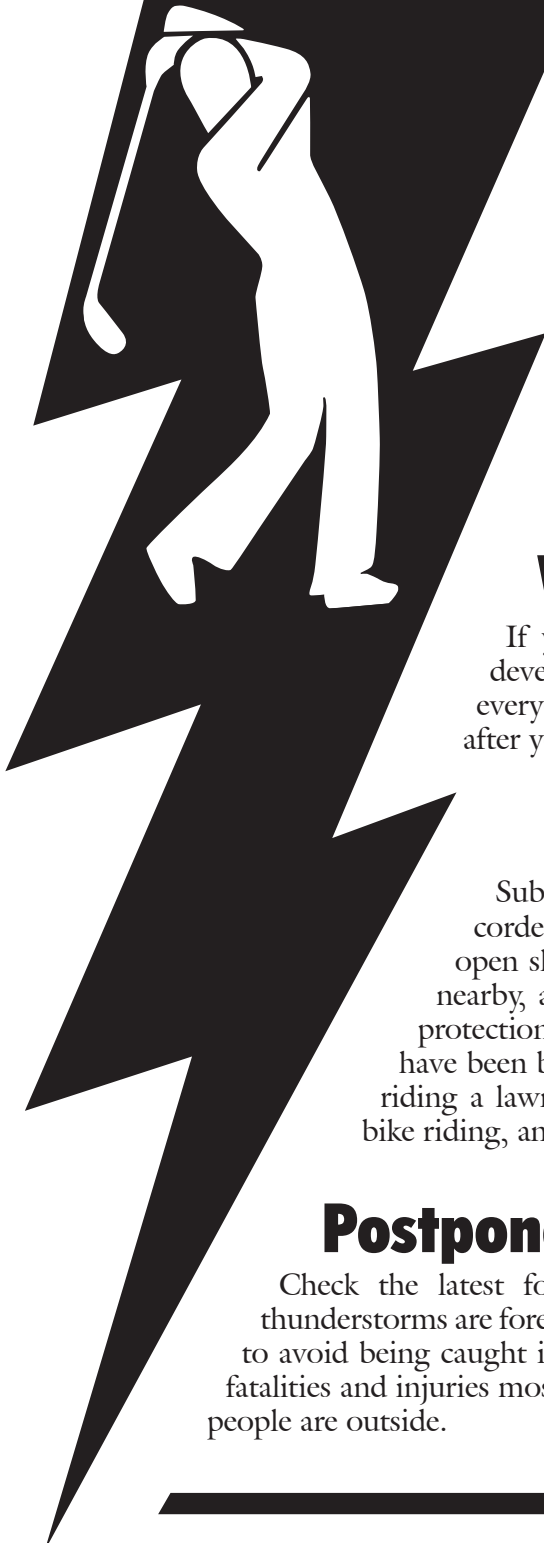


Play It Safe!



Monitor threatening weather.

Be aware of thunderstorm “watches” and “warnings” and look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning or increasing wind, which may be signs of a developing or approaching thunderstorm.

When thunder roars, go indoors.

If you hear thunder, see lightning, or observe dark threatening clouds developing overhead, suspend your activity immediately and instruct everyone to get to a safe building or vehicle. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear the last clap of thunder. Do not shelter under trees.

Get to a safer structure.

Substantial buildings provide the best protection. Once inside, stay off corded phones and away from any wiring or plumbing. Avoid sheds, small or open shelters, dugouts, bleachers, or grandstands. If a sturdy building is not nearby, a hard-topped metal vehicle with the windows closed will offer good protection. Lightning has struck people while they have been boating, standing under a tree, swimming, riding a lawn mower, playing soccer, golfing, fishing, bike riding, and more.

Postpone activities.

Check the latest forecast prior to a practice or event. If thunderstorms are forecasted, consider postponing activities early to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation. Lightning causes fatalities and injuries most often during the summer months, when people are outside.



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