

Lightning Safety Policy

- 1. Policy Accountable Owner: Staff STF**
- 2. Policy Name: Lightning Safety Policy**
- 3. Purpose for policy:**
 - a. To support the safety of residents, guests, and visitors when lightning is detected.
- 4. Policy details:**
 - a. DEFINITIONS
 - i. **Lightning** - An electrical discharge that results from the buildup of positive and negative charges within a thunderstorm. When the buildup becomes strong enough, lightning appears as a "bolt." This bolt usually occurs within or between the clouds and the ground. When a lightning bolt occurs, the air surrounding its channel is instantaneously heated to as much as 50,000° F.
 - ii. **Thunder** - The sound accompanying lightning; produced by violent expansion of air due to intense heating by a lightning discharge.
 - iii. **Genesee Swimming Pools** – The Foundation operated pools located at Vista and Foothills.
 - b. POLICY
 - i. To support the safety of residents and guests, while using our pools, residents and their guests shall vacate the pool when lightning is detected in the area. Residents should seek shelter immediately upon any observation of or alert to the presence of lightning.
 - c. PROCEDURES
 - i. If lightning is seen anywhere in the sky, or thunder is heard, or the lightning detectors at Foothills or Vista clubhouses signal an alarm, residents and their guests must vacate the pool for at least 30 minutes from the last occurrence of lightning or thunder.
- 5. ENFORCEMENT**
 - i. Residents shall comply with this policy, and shall ensure compliance by their children and guests. Facility Use Agreements shall be created and signed by participants in organized activities that use the Foundation pools. All organized activities using the Foundation’s pool must adhere to this policy.

APPROVED BY: Board of Directors

SUPERCEDES: All prior (dates)

REVIEW DATE: As needed

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2006, May 26 2021