

WARNING LIGHTNING AND POOLS



In Australia, lightning accounts for 5-10 deaths and over 100 injuries annually. Approximately 25% of people killed by lightning are playing sport.

Lightning related fatalities and injuries occur most often when you are:

- in or near water
- near or under trees and tall objects
- near vehicles or buildings instead of in them
- at recreational facilities and open areas

For this reason, Central Highlands Regional Council requires all pool attendants to evacuate and close facilities during thunderstorms for the safety of all pool users and that of pool attendants.

In the event of a severe storm please follow all instructions given by facility staff.

The pool will not reopen until at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Tips for staying safe in severe storms:

- Evacuate pool immediately
- Seek shelter indoors and stay well clear of windows, doors and skylights
- Stay tuned in to warnings via radio
- Secure pets and loose items
- If driving, stop clear of trees, powerlines and streams

For more information on storm safety visit www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/plan.asp

If you have an enquiry about pool closures during thunderstorms please phone council on 1300 242 686.

