



## LPOA Lightning/Severe Weather Policy

Attention All LPOA Pool Patrons -

Effective April 2016, the Lakewood Pool Facilities will adhere to the following procedures for all lightning/severe weather occurrences. Please keep in mind the first and foremost issue here: safety, not only for patrons, but for staff as well. Although we are not looking to disrupt anyone's summer, we must be the first defense against any possible injuries, or worse, deaths. Olympic Pool Management Company, LLC has devised the most effective plan by research conducted through the *American Red Cross*, *National Lightning Safety Institute*, and *U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*. Please note the following:

### Lightning/Thunder Occurrences

- Upon first sound of thunder, or first sight of lightning lifeguards will clear all patrons from the pool per their American Red Cross certification training
- Lifeguards will wait 30 minutes after last sound of thunder before allowing patrons back into the water

### Severe Weather

- Olympic Pool Management supervisors/managers will clear all patrons out of the facility areas should there be a severe weather storm track within 20 miles of LPOA. We strongly encourage patrons to seek the safety of their homes when facilities are cleared due to the lack of proper shelter.
- Olympic Pool Management supervisors will have sole discretion to resume ANY pool facility activities. They will monitor NOAA to track potential severe weather in the Kansas City metropolitan area in order to make a fair, educated decision.

Olympic Pool Management Company, LLC managers/lifeguards are trained to treat safety as their number one priority. It is their responsibility to protect all patrons and personnel from a potentially unsafe environment. Please respect their job and follow these procedures.

Contact Owner/Operator Joshua Courter at 816-478-7777 with questions or concerns.

*We appreciate the opportunity to be your pool management company!*

<http://www.weather.gov/>  
[http://lightningsafety.com/nlsi\\_pls/swimming\\_pools.html](http://lightningsafety.com/nlsi_pls/swimming_pools.html)  
<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>  
<http://www.redcross.org/>

### Lightning

*Lightning is the result of the build-up and discharge of electrical energy, and this rapid heating of the air produces the shock wave that results in thunder. 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes occur in the U.S. each year. Lightning often strikes as far as 10-15 miles away from any rainfall with each spark of lightning reaching over 5 miles in length and temperature of approximately 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Even if the sky looks blue and clear, be cautious. One ground lightning strike can contain 100 million volts of electricity. The National Lightning Safety Institute recommends waiting 30 minutes after the last lightning sighting or sound of thunder before resuming water activities.*

*Source: National Weather Service Web at*

*[www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov)*