



TOWN POLICY

ADMINISTRATION POLICY:

Swimming Pool Closure due to Lightning Event Policy

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

POLICY NUMBER: REC-039

APPROVAL:

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"While lightning is a serious threat to swimmers in outdoor facilities, there is little to fear and seldom a need to close the facility if appropriate precautions are taken. Clear the water, and instruct patrons to move inside, dry off, and avoid wet areas. Ask them stay clear of sinks, shower rooms, telephones and electric appliances."

(Lifesaving Society, emphasis added)

To protect the safety of patrons that attend the Cardston Swimming Pool the following policy is developed to provide direction for the public and the aquatic staff in the event that there is a lightning event. This policy is developed according to industry standard.

As soon as thunder is heard the pool will be closed to swimming for 20 minutes and will remain closed for 20 minutes after the last thunder is heard.



