

Thunder and Lightning

The supervisor on duty will monitor the weather conditions at the beginning of every shift. If there is a weather advisory or storm watch, the supervisor will put all guards on alert. If thunder or lightning is seen, whoever sees or hears it will:

1. Clear everyone from the water with 1 long whistle blast.
2. Lifeguards in stands should get down immediately from their stands.
3. Move everyone to the locker rooms or the breezeway. Patrons may also wait in their vehicles. Do not allow patrons to take showers or enter the shower area where water could be on the floor.
4. Refrain from using a telephone connected to a landline except in an emergency.
5. Keep everyone away from windows and metal objects (lockers, door frames etc.)
6. Keep watching for more storms and monitor weather reports on a broadcast radio or weather network.
7. Wait 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before resuming activities.
8. The supervisor on duty will be the one to determine when it is safe to reopen to the public.
9. If it is necessary to close due to weather, there will be no refund given.

Tornado

In the event of severe weather such as a tornado, the supervisor will notify all guards immediately upon receiving word and will monitor from NOAA site. Signs and symptoms of a tornado; dark, greenish sky, large hail, loud roar, dark low-lying cloud.

1. The Supervisor will have a guard blow a long whistle and clear all pools.
2. In the event of a tornado watch, the supervisor will closely monitor NOAA. If there is any lightning or thunder, the pool will be immediately evacuated.
3. Make sure that if the facility is evacuated that the locker rooms and shower areas are checked to make sure that no patrons are inside.
4. If there is a tornado warning, evacuate everyone to the BQC to the women's bathroom. Do not go into the gymnasium. No exceptions! No one is to go to their vehicle.
5. Have everyone get down and put their hands over their head and neck to protect them.
6. The supervisor will lock up the facility and bring any crucial documents, a flashlight and emergency supplies to the BQC. As soon as NOAA gives the all clear, the supervisor on duty will notify all staff and patrons. The pool will remain closed until damage is assessed, it is deemed safe and chemical levels are normal.

Earthquake

1. In the event of an earthquake, the lifeguards need to clear the pool with one long whistle blast.
2. Admissions and concessions workers need to evacuate into the grassy area.
3. Have all patrons move to the grassy area near concessions.
4. Once the earthquake or aftershock has ceased, the supervisor will evaluate the safety and see if there has been any damage to any of the structures and if it is safe to continue swimming.
5. If there has been damage, patrons will be asked to leave the facility by the fence entrances avoiding any structures.
6. If there has not been any damage, patrons may resume swimming.