

Lightning -- Don't Take Chances With It

Lightning kills about 200 people each year and according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration thousands more are injured. Property damage exceeds \$400 million. On the Delmarva peninsula last year at least five fatalities were associated with lightning. Three people were killed during a thunderstorm at Ocean City, MD., when lightning struck the metal beach umbrella under which they were sitting.

A lightning bolt typically carries 10 million to 100 million volts and can reach temperatures in excess of 50,000 degrees F. So when a thunderstorm threatens, seek shelter promptly in a house or other large building, or inside an all-metal vehicle, advises University of Delaware extension safety specialist Ron Jester.

"Remember that lightning is

attracted to the highest object in the area of electrical buildup," he says, "so don't stay where you'll be higher than the surrounding landscape." For the same reason, never take shelter under a tree-standing tall in the sky, it serves as an excellent lightning rod. If shelter is not available, take refuge in a ditch, a ravine or similar depression in the ground.

Several other precautions can help protect you from lightning, the specialist says. Some of these measures may be very familiar, but, like everything else connected with safety, an occasional review never hurts.

• If you're riding a horse when a thunderstorm hits, dismount, drop to your knees and bend forward in a crouch, putting your hands on your knees.

• If driving a car, stay inside it

— the tires provide insulation. The same is true when riding a tractor or combine, but get the tools and the header out of, or off of, the ground. They're excellent conductors of electricity. If you're working with farm equipment in an open field, after getting the tool bar, header, front end loader and the like off the ground, GET OUT OF THE FIELD!

• Stay clear of metal objects such as metal windows, wire fences or plumbing.

• If you are in tall timber, get to an area of low brush, away from the tallest trees.

• Stay away from power transformers and lines, as well as TV and radio towers and antennas.

• Stay away from and out of water. DO NOT SWIM DURING A THUNDERSTORM!

• Get off of and away from

motorcycles, ATVs, golf carts and bicycles.

• Indoors, stay away from open doors, fireplaces, woodstoves and windows.

• Don't use the telephone. If you're talking when a thunderstorm hits, hang up.

"Your chances of avoiding being struck by lightning will be greater if you keep in mind that it's attracted to the higher objects in the area where it is active. Avoid these places," Jester stresses.

If someone near you is struck by

lightning, you may need to administer CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation). Then get prompt medical help for the victim. People who are stunned, but otherwise unhurt, should also see a doctor as soon as possible. The physical effects of lightning strike are not always obvious.

"Don't become another victim of an electrical storm," the safety specialist advises. "The next time a thunderstorm strikes, don't take a chance. Act promptly to protect yourself."

Pet Owners Risk Fines

HARRISBURG — Pet owners and kennel operators who do not have their dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies by Sept. 1 will risk fines for failure to comply with the law, state Agriculture Secretary

Boyd E. Wolff reminded Pennsylvanians today.

Additional information about the law is available by calling the Agriculture Department's toll-free number, 1-800-AG-PENNA

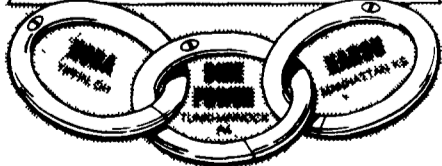
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1H406	Thonyma SECRET	+178	+1549	+01	+57	71%	+07	+61	+191	71%	+197	+0 29	70%	+830
9H771	LJC Richdale PEBBLE	+154	+975	+14	+61	77%	-03	+24	+146	77%	+147	-0 21	74%	+617
9H599	Sunny-Craft Chief SPIRIT	+149	+1165	+05	+52	99%	-06	+25	+136	99%	+132	+0 89	99%	+661
*9H876	Remvale Bell SWINGER-ET	+148	+1175	+05	+51	65%	+03	+42	+153	65%	+156	-0 57	45%	+642
9H719	Whittier-Farms NED BOY	+142	+1000	+09	+53	80%	+04	+38	+149	80%	+154	+2 17	78%	+825
9H1101	Modik Valiant COUNT-ET	+140	+1245	+00	+44	64%	-02	+35	+135	40%	+133	+1 43	66%	+716
9H816	Plushanski RAIDER-OC-ET	+134	+1100	+03	+45	84%	+01	+35	+134	84%	+135	-0 29	68%	+598
1H517	Park-Diamond Tradition ROD	+134	+1260	-03	+40	51%	-05	+31	+124	51%	+119	+1 62	55%	+691
9H758	Brooks-Twain Valiant SAMMY-ET	+131	+1078	+03	+44	87%	+02	+38	+135	87%	+138	+1 21	85%	+716
*9H1118	Hoepf ABACUS II	+126	+972	+05	+44	55%				NOT AVAILABLE		N/A		N/A
*9H888	Remmos BEACON	+125	+1343	-09	+32	59%	-05	+33	+114	59%	+107	N/A		N/A
9H779	Vigo Valiant ELVAN	+120	+1311	-09	+30	78%	-01	+38	+116	77%	+112	+1 27	76%	+659
9H766	Veemens Chief Pete ECHO	+117	+1351	-12	+27	70%	-10	+23	+95	70%	+83	+1 30	70%	+568
9H780	Brooks-Twain Nugget SATAN	+117	+525	+19	+53	75%	+01	+19	+119	74%	+125	+0 80	71%	+627
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9H625	Fivebrooks STARFIRE	+113	+1180	-07	+30	96%	-11	+16	+89	96%	+77	-0 39	90%	+424
1H238	Thonyma ELECTRA	+113	+1402	-15	+23	99%	-07	+32	+99	99%	+89	+1 44	99%	+608
9H787	Vigo Starlite ELVATE	+113	+955	+01	+37	99%	-06	+18	+99	99%	+94	+0 94	98%	+561
16H112	Allegen Conductor DAN	+111	+509	+18	+50	93%	+02	+19	+114	93%	+120	+0 69	88%	+606
9H832	Pond-Oak PAPPY-ET	+111	+577	+15	+48	69%	+07	+31	+125	69%	+135	+1 18	72%	+695
9H692	POTTS Southern Man-Twin	+111	+1165	-07	+29	77%	-01	+34	+107	76%	+104	+1 27	71%	+633
16H137	Thonyma VAGABOND	+109	+1140	-06	+29	86%	-02	+32	+104	85%	+101	+0 79	85%	+588
1H331	Burley REDCAP	+108	+1077	-05	+30	75%	-01	+31	+104	73%	+101	+0 28	68%	+551
*9H869	I'uberview Sexatron MAJURO	+108	+834	+04	+38	61%	-03	+20	+101	61%	+99	N/A		N/A
9H711	Coldsprings JOURNAL-ET	+107	+679	+10	+42	72%	-02	+18	+103	71%	+103	-0 14	68%	+506
9H842	Marvo MAVERIC-Twin	+106	+735	+07	+40	72%	+01	+25	+108	72%	+111	+1 33	74%	+639
9H754	Potts MAGIC	+105	+1023	-04	+30	79%	-02	+28	+100	78%	+97	+0 74	75%	+568
9H815	Wentland Bell ROCKY-ET	+103	+1179	-10	+24	81%	-06	+26	+90	81%	+82	+1 60	82%	+592
*9H882	Parkmont Chairman JORDAN	+101	+1076	-07	+26	70%	-01	+32	+98	70%	+95	+0 74	47%	+571
9H821	MD-Carrollton Star PEPPER 2	+101	+978	-03	+29	66%	-08	+15	+83	66%	+74	+0 30	67%	+464
9H584	Cal-Clark Board CHAIRMAN	+100	+1030	-05	+27	99%	+01	+33	+100	99%	+99	+1 93	99%	+666

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