

Safety and Weather Emergency Evacuation Plan

I. Introduction: Weather Related Concerns

██████████ outdoor events are held rain or shine. Every attempt will be made to get the event in on the scheduled date. There is unlikely a "rain date." The events cannot occur, as scheduled, if the following conditions prevail:

- Lightning
- High Winds

All staff, volunteers and vendors will be advised of safety protocols prior to the event through the distribution of this documentation. The safety of the spectators and event participants is a vital concern to ██████████. This document will address the procedure to be utilized in the event that a weather emergency arises during the day.

II. Severe Weather/Lightning/Evacuation Plan

Forecast Consistently Monitored - ██████████ will monitor the weather forecasts, satellite radar readings and the weather radio for Indianapolis and specifically the Marion County, in advance of the event in order to be advised of the possibility of storm activity. In addition, the weather forecast will be monitored throughout the day via cell phones and weather radio.

Suspension of Event Schedule

Should lightning occur that is within a 20-30 minute range of the event site, all programming will be suspended until the lightning/storm activity has passed.

Evacuation of Festival Site

If severe inclement weather is observed on the satellite radar systems and such severe weather is approaching within 20 to 30 minutes of the event site or if the severe weather pattern is clearly discernible, then the event site will be evacuated. The decision to evacuate will be made by ██████████ in consultation with IMPD and IFD.

Police Department/Traffic Flow

Once the decision to evacuate the event site has been made, IMPD (if not already cognizant of the decision) must be immediately notified so that police officers will be able to facilitate traffic moving from the area.

Notice to Participants/Spectators

The decision to evacuate the event site will be communicated as follows:

- Loudspeaker announcements over public address system.
- Event personnel/volunteers will canvas the event area to advise the evacuation order and direct to evacuation sites.
- The Safety and Evacuation Plan will be provided, in advance of the event to all volunteers and to each staff member and Vendor.

Evacuation Sites (Must be event specific)

- Personal vehicles parked within the immediate area

Restarting Event

The decision to resume the event will be made by [REDACTED] in consultation with IMPD and IFD. In most cases current radar data will need to be available showing that the dangerous weather has passed and there is no potential for further cells to pass through the area.

The decision to resume event activities will be communicated as follows:

- Event specific radio stations will make announcements.
- [REDACTED] web site, texting, email and social media platforms to communicate "all clear".
- Loudspeaker announcements over public address system.

III. Modification of Event Schedule Due to Lightning or Storm Activity

Every effort will be made to adhere to the established event schedule. Should a delay occur due to lightning or storm activity; and the delay is so lengthy as to render adherence to the original event schedule impossible, then [REDACTED], in consultation with the police and fire, will modify the schedule.

If you're in the state of Indiana and want to report suspicious activity in the state please call 1-877-226-1026 and if you're outside the state and want to report suspicious activity please contact your local law enforcement.

IV. Suspicious Objects or Behavior

The safety and security of our citizens is our highest priority. We will emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper state and local law enforcement authorities.

We will remind our people to monitor the immediate area for suspicious objects or behavior at day to day operations or any of our events. By being observant we could drastically minimize the chance of danger and help to keep people safe.

- Suspicious behavior: Be aware of unusual or out-of-place activity for your transportation and community environment.

- Suspicious packages, bags or vehicles: Be aware of unaccompanied packages or bags placed in a discreet location or other obscured area, or unoccupied vehicles parked close to buildings, bridges, stations, terminals, or other critical structures.

The City of Indianapolis – Marion County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

All will be encouraged to keep Indianapolis a safe and secure environment by reporting unattended packages and suspicious activity at 1-877-226-1026. Never assume someone else will make the call. If you feel immediate attention is necessary, please call 911. Tell them what you saw and why it struck you as odd.

