



LIGHTNING EVENTS

10 Jul 1926: Lightning Exploded A Navy Ammunition Depot, Mount Hope NJ. -- 19 People Died, 38 Wounded, And Cost \$81 Million To Rebuild (1999 Dollars)!

6 May 1937: Hindenberg Airship Destroyed By An Electrostatic Discharge -- 36 People Died!

June 1998: Lightning Struck An Outdoor Rock Concert With 35,000 People In Baltimore, MD -- 13 People Were Injured, Despite The Installed Lightning Rods!

July 1998: 5 Firefighters Were Injured When Lightning Struck Their Firetruck In Las Vegas, NV.

25 October 1998: Lightning Injured 11 Soccer Players In Johannesburg, South Africa.

27 October 1998: Lightning Killed 11 Soccer Players In Congo, Africa, Apparently Via A Ground Streamer, Rather Than A Direct Strike.

1 August 2000: 18 People (17 Kids And 1 Adult) In Houston, TX Were Hospitalized By Lightning. The Adult Led The Kids Under His Care Under A Tree To Keep Dry During The Thunderstorm.

29 August 2000: A Herd Of 56 Elk Was Killed By a Single Lightning Flash In Colorado, Some Over 100 Feet From Where The Lightning Struck The Ground.

3 January 2001: 3 Prisoners Were Killed, Over 20 Hospitalized, And More Injured, In Lusaka, Zambia, When 2 Lightning Flashes Struck Their Group Returning From An Outside Work Detail.

7 July 2001: 6 People Were Injured By Lightning In Rogaland, Norway (1 On A Beach, 5 On An Outlook Point). Although Lightning Casualties Are Less Frequent, Even High Latitude Locations Have Lightning Hazards!

30 July 2001: 6 Baseball Players Were Injured As They Improperly Sought "Shelter" From A Thunderstorm In A Dugout.

8 August 2001: 2 Construction Workers In Fairview, TN Were Injured By Lightning While Laying Cooper Water Lines And Wiring Even While Under The House.

12 August 2001: In Guatemala, 2 People Were Killed And 10 Seriously Injured During A Soccer Game By Lightning. Some Were Leaning Against A Metal Guardrail.

2 September 2001: 1 Caper Was Injured, And Another Killed By Two Separate Lightning Incidents In San Diego County. Even Areas With Little Lightning Activity Have Lightning Hazards!

6 September 2001: 6 Teenagers Were Killed In A Soccer Game By Lightning In Mexico City. At Least Some Were Leaning Against A Metal Railing, When Lightning Struck Some Distance From Them, But The Metal Railing conducted The Electricity To Them.

26 Nov 2001: 5 People Were Killed And Over 100 Injured By A Lightning Strike At A Soccer Game In Malawi, Africa. This May Be The Record Number Of Casualties From A Single Lightning Strike Ever Recorded. Though Not Reported, We Suspect There Was A Crowd Pressed Against A Metal Fence Or Guardrail, Or In Metal Bleachers, So That When Lightning Struck, The Metal Conducted The Electricity To A Large Number Of People.

