

Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 20-26, 2004

# LIGHTNING KILLS PLAY IT SAFE

Golf courses are typically open areas, where 45% of all lightning fatalities occur.

Lightning is the number 1 cause of weather deaths.

### Lightning in Louisiana

In the last 10 years, lightning killed 5 people and injured 10 in outside activities.

Since 1994, lightning strikes have killed 17 people indoors and outdoors, tornadoes have killed 15 people and thunderstorm wind gusts have killed 10 people.

In 2000, lightning killed 2 people and injured 1 person on a golf course in New Orleans.

### 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule

Go indoors if, after seeing lightning you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

For more safety tips and information on lightning visit the web site below.

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