Topic: What are some lightning safety tips?

Thesis statement: The health and safety issues related to lightning strikes are complicated, and can involve addressing structures, water, and people.

Annotated Bibliography

Becker, William J. "Boating - Lightning Protection." National Ag Safety Database. Florida Cooperative Extension Service. May 1985. Web. 3 May 2009. This is a government report with graphs, illustrations, and graphics. The author is a professor and extension safety specialist in the agricultural engineering department of the University of Florida. Because of the author's credentials and the fact that the article is posted on a government site, it seems credible and reliable. The site was last reviewed in October 1992, but the information contained does not conflict with other sources. The date of the site does not detract from the information presented.

Cooper, Mary Ann. Lightning Injury Research Program. University of Illinois at Chicago. 21 April 2006. Web. 13 June 2009. This is an educational site with research information, tables, and charts. The links on the left side lead you to related links and to research articles. Some of the research articles have been previously published in medical journals. Some of the articles contain bibliographies. The dates of the material on the site range from 1995 through 2003. The author is an MD employed by the University
of Illinois at Chicago. I found no grammatical or spelling errors. The source seems credible, reliable, and objective. It was most recently updated on Sept 12, 2003. The layout of the site is uncluttered. There were no pop up ads or advertisements. There is a Contact Us option with an address, email and phone number.

Hill, David. "Preventing Lightning Strikes." American School & University. 71 (July 1999):55. OmniFile Full Text Mega. Web. 31 May 2009. This is an article in an educational journal. It is written by David Hill, Director of Facilities and Operations, Blue Valley School District in Kansas. Hill appears knowledgeable about developing a lightning safety plan for educational institutions. This is a concise article that concludes with a link to another comprehensive site on lightning safety for institutions. This article seems reliable and objective and is from a reputable periodical in the education field. It was written in July 1999.

Mullen, Leslie. "Human Voltage: What Happens When People and Lightning Converge." Science@NASA. NASA, 18 June 1999. Web. 5 June 2009. This federal government Web page is from NASA Space Science News, a website that includes articles about NASA related research. The article includes statistics, and quotes experts from the National Severe Storms Laboratory, the National Weather Service, and the National Lightning Safety Institute. The graphics, pictures and occasional sounds of thunder made the site interesting. The site layout is clean and easy to navigate, and adds to the usability of the site. No dead links were found. The sources seem credible and reliable, and there is a bibliography. The article was written June 18, 1999.


This is a government site on the topic of lightning safety. The site is comprehensive and covers topics such as the science of lightning, indoor and outdoor safety, and the medical care of lightning victims. Photos, video clips and other graphics make the site interesting and easy to understand. No spelling or grammatical errors were found. All articles appear to be credible and objective. There is no update information on this page. This was the most comprehensive site on all aspects of lightning safety and included extensive links to other sites. There were no dead links found. There is an address provided along with links for Comments and Questions.