



# Severe Weather Plan

**Introduction:** To provide general information for the monitoring of severe weather and establish the emergency response procedure for threat of severe weather during events at the Sound at Coachman Park. Also if the City closes Coachman Park due to safety/security it will also apply to the Sound. That the Sound would follow the Park closure if ever closed for severe weather like preparing for a hurricane.

**S.O.P. Statement:** The Security Manager, Operation Manager and City representatives (Parks & Recreation, Police and Fire Department) will continually monitor weather conditions for potential strong winds, hail, lightning and tornadoes using various resources:

1. NOAA weather radio (162.400 MHZ) or KHB32, Tampa internet Radio.
2. Local weather and radar applications.
3. Other available resources available through the City's public safety department.

**Assessment & Authorization:** The presence of any of the following will trigger an assessment of the likelihood of dangerous conditions and need for precautionary action:

1. Visible/auditory presence of thunder and/or lightning.
2. Weather warning issued for the area.
3. Activation of an outdoor warning system in the area.
4. Radar indicating lightning moving into the vicinity.

On the recommendation for evacuation by Emergency Management Team or the Security Director, the Operation Manager, and Technical Director will be notified immediately.

**Evacuation Management:** The Security Director, Operation Manager, Production Manager, and Security Supervisors/Leads will coordinate tasks necessary to interrupt the event and direct everyone to safety.

1. **Security Director and/or Designee:**
  - a. Notifies Clearwater Police via “All Call” of evacuation being initiated.
  - b. Activates security staff to begin procedures.
  
2. **Operation Manager:**
  - a. Notifies all staff to follow their assigned instructions to secure and shelter in place.
  - b. Notifies marketing to post updates on Facebook, X, and Instagram.
  
3. **Technical Director:**
  - a. Notifies Tour Manager and crew.
  - b. Makes public announcement several times:

***“Ladies and Gentlemen, your attention please:***

***There is the potential for severe weather and everyone must take shelter immediately. Please collect any belongs and walk calmly to the nearest exit if returning to your vehicle, or nearest building, or take shelter under the venue canopy. We will resume as soon as its safe. If you are leaving the premises, please check our social media accounts for updates on when to return.***

4. **Security Supervisors / Leads:** Will ensure security staff is responding in assigned duties.
  - a. **Front of House**
    1. Direct patrons to shelter in restrooms or under canopy, and monitor for overcrowding. (if shelter in place)
    2. Ensure gates are clear of obstruction for easy egress.
    3. Direct patrons to off-site shelters if available.
    4. Assist those with physical disabilities to safety.
    5. Sweep areas to ensure compliance with evacuation order.
    6. Attend any injuries immediately.
  - b. **Back of House**
    1. Assist Technical Director with moving Tour to safety.
    2. Assist Tour to vehicles. (if full evacuation)
    3. Secure the stage.

**Re-Entry / Event Resumes:** The Security Director, and Operation Manager will confer with Emergency Management Team to assess when re-entry is permissible for the event to resume. The Technical Director, and Tour Manager must be notified prior to any recall of patrons.

**If re-entry is permitted:**

1. Operation Manager will notify staff to move to their assigned locations.
2. Security Director will notify security team.
3. Technical Director will make announcement to return to seats.
4. Marketing will update Facebook, X, and Instagram.
5. Security personnel will assist at monitoring gate entry.

**Potential Evacuation Locations:**

1. Venue Restrooms.
2. Under venue canopy.
3. Personal vehicles.
4. Public Library when permitted.
5. Capitol Theatre when available.
6. Local retail.

**Weather Appendix:**

1. A weather or severe weather watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the development of tornados in and close to the watch area. A watch does not mean that severe weather is actually occurring; only that conditions have created a significant risk for it.
2. A tornado or severe weather warning is an alert issued by the National Weather Service to warn an area that a tornado (or waterspout) may be imminent. It can be issued after either a tornado or a funnel cloud has already been spotted, or if there are radar indications that a tornado may be possible.