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Several samples APA citations with annotations are listed below.

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.

APA Annotated Bibliography

Becker, W.J. (1985, May). *Boating - lightning protection*. Retrieved from: <http://nasdonline.org/document/209/d000007/boating-lightning-protection.html> . 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.

Hill, D. (1999, July). Preventing lightning strikes. *American School & University*, 71, 55. Retrieved from <http://asumag.com/> . **This is an article in an educational journal from a library database. There is no doi, so the URL of the source (publisher) is listed.** 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.

Williams, J., Duedall, I & Doehring, F. (1997). Florida hurricanes and tropical storms. Retrieved from <http://www.upf.com/> . This is an ebook from a library database. The book is from an academic press, and it is about not only hurricanes and tropical storms but also the dangers they bring. There are charts as well as data collected from research. No spelling or grammatical errors were found. Since it comes from an academic press, it is credible and objective. The book was published in 1997.

Levac, J, Toal-Sullivan, D & O'Sullivan, T. (2012). Household emergency preparedness: A literature review. *Journal of Community Health*, 37, 725-733. doi:10.1007/s10900-011-9488-x. This is a research journal on emergency preparedness. It discusses storms as well as other types of 'natural disasters.' It is from the Journal of Community Health, and it comes from a library database. Since it is a peer-reviewed article, the authors have been vetted and evaluated before publication. There are statistics and charts within the article. It is primarily a way to find additional scholarly information on the same topic. It is current and up to date. It has a doi.

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