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## Advisory for Severe Lightning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

Issued at 02.30 p.m. 04 February 2023 for the period until 11.30 p.m. 04 February 2023

### PLEASE BE AWARE:

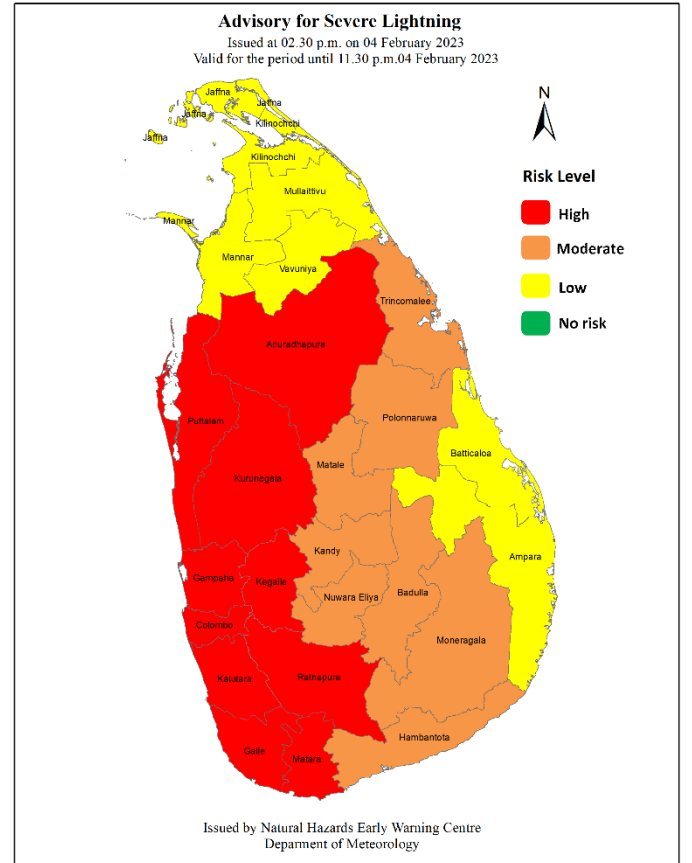
Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Western, Sabaragamuwa and Northwestern provinces and in Anuradhapura, Galle and Matara districts during the afternoon or night.

There may be temporary localized strong winds during thundershowers. General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity.

### ACTION REQUIRED:

The Department of Meteorology advises that people should:

- Seek shelter, preferably indoors and never under trees.
- Avoid open areas such as paddy fields, tea plantations and open water bodies during thunderstorms.
- Avoid using wired telephones and connected electric appliances during thunderstorms.
- Avoid using open vehicles, such as bicycles, tractors and boats etc.
- Beware of fallen trees and power lines.
- For emergency assistance contact the local disaster management authorities.



Color: -Red  
Warning (Take action)

Color: -Amber  
Advisory (Be prepared)

Color: -Green  
Threat is over

Spatial rainfall distribution: Isolated: <25%, A few: 26-50%, Many: 51-75%, Most: 76-100%  
Rainfall amount (mm): Fairly Heavy rain: 50 -100, Heavy rain: 100 – 150, Very heavy rain: 150 or more.