Advisory on Severe Lightning
Issued by the natural hazards early warning center
At 04.30 p.m. 10 July 2019 for the period until 07.30 p.m. 10 July 2019

For Uva, Eastern, Central and Sabaragamuwa provinces and in Polonnaruwa district.

PLEASE BE AWARE:
Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur in Uva, Eastern, Central and Sabaragamuwa provinces and in Polonnaruwa district.

Temporarily strong gusty winds up to 70-80 kmph are also possible during thundershowers.

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.