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## Warning for Severe lightning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center  
At 04.00 p.m. 18 July 2020 for the period until 11.00 p.m. 18 July 2020

### For Land Areas

#### PLEASE BE AWARE:

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Eastern, North-central, Central, Uva and Sabaragamuwa provinces and Kurunegala, Vavuniya and Mullaitivu district.

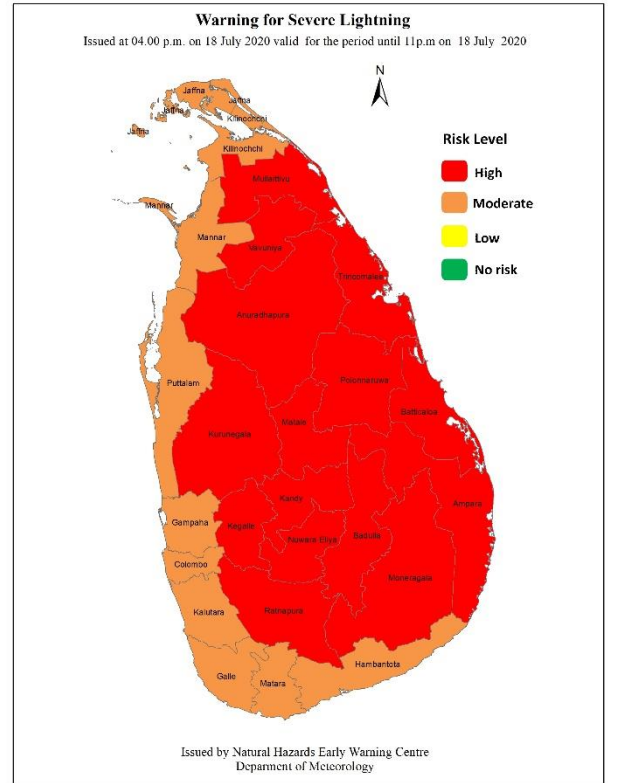
Fairly heavy falls above 50 mm are likely at some places in the above areas.

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.