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Advisory for Severe Lightning

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 04.30 p.m. 23 December 2020 for the period until 10.30 p.m. 23 December 2020

For Sabaragamuwa and Western provinces and in Galle, Matara and Nuwara-eliya districts

PLEASE BE AWARE:

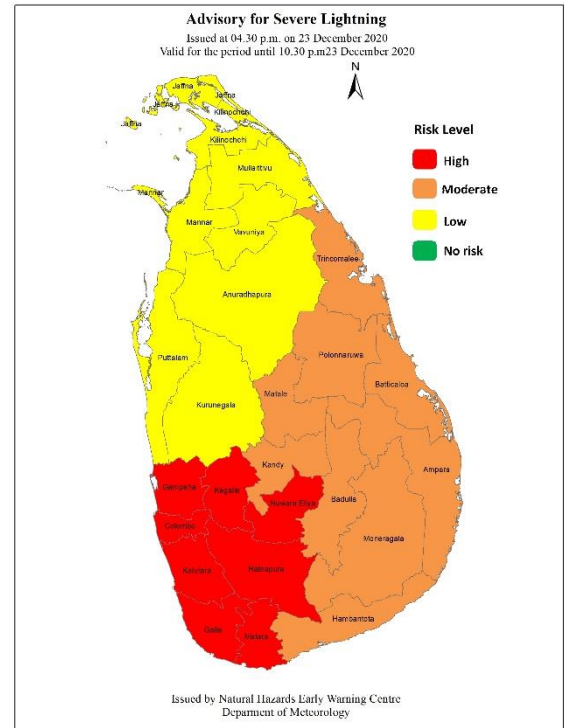
Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Sabaragamuwa and Western provinces and in Galle, Matara and Nuwara-eliya districts. Heavy showers above **100 mm** are likely at some places.

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.