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## **Advisory for Severe Lightning**

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#### **PLEASE BE AWARE:**

Thundershowers accompanied by severe lightning are likely to occur at several places in Sabaragamuwa province and in Kaluthara, Galle and Matara districts during the afternoon or night. Fairly heavy showers **above 50mm** 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

