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## Special Advisory for Severe Lightning and Heavy Rainfall

Issued by the natural hazards early warning center

At 06.00 p.m. 15 April 2019 for the period until 11.00 p.m. 18 April 2019

### PLEASE BE AWARE:

There is a high possibility for afternoon thundershowers with severe lightning over most parts of the island during next few days.

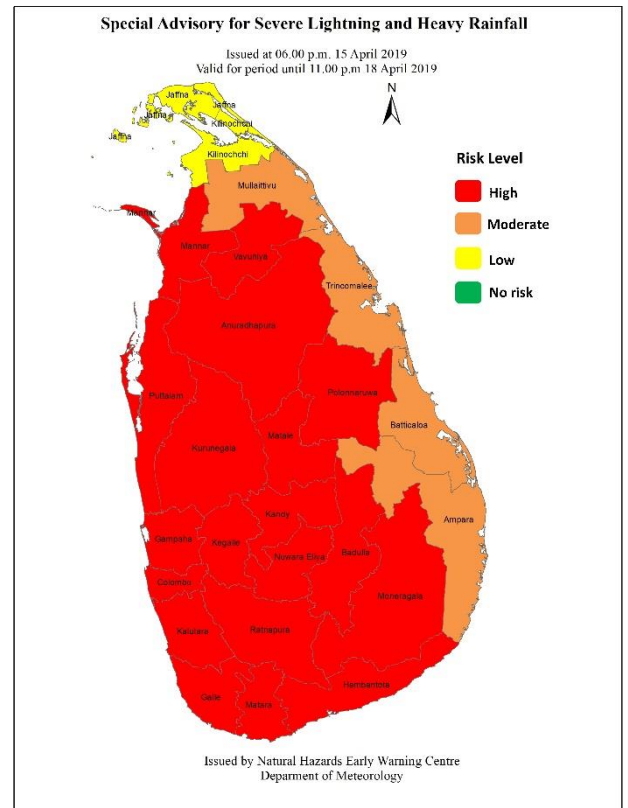
Severe lightning is possible in Sabaragamuwa, Central, Southern, Uva, Western, North-western and North-central provinces and in Mannar and Vauniya districts.

General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity and temporarily strong gusty winds 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.



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.