# **Safety**Alert



# **INCIDENT TITLE:**

# **Thunder & Lightning Storms**

## **INCIDENT DETAIL:**

During Project Harapaki we will have extreme weather conditions.

The site weather is continually monitored. Severe weather threats require closer monitoring and action, which may result in a site evacuation or stand down.

All severe weather threats will be taken seriously and communicated via your supervisor and/or What's App messages.

The purpose of this alert is to ensure you know what to do in the event of a <u>Thunder & Lightning Storm</u> to keep yourself and others safe.

Although the risk of being struck by lightning is rare, our location in the Maungaharuru mountain range combined with the work we do puts us at greater risk. The consequence of being struck by lightning is serious.

# РНОТО

You can download the Free Lightning App:

My Lightning Tracker & Alerts – Apps on Google Play





# TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

# November 2022

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If outside find a safe enclosed shelter or a <u>rubber</u> wheeled/tracked fully enclosed vehicle and keep windows and doors closed.

If this is not possible, immediately:

- get off elevated ridges, hills, peaks and away from rocky overhangs, cliffs, isolated trees
- move away from water e.g., ponds, lakes, streams, dams
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity, such as wire fences, wind turbines, powerlines

Crouch down in a ball-like position with your head tucked and hands over your ears so that you are down low with minimal contact with the ground.

Never lay flat on the ground.

# **BEST PRACTICE:**

# Stay Indoors!

- Do not lean against steel walls or beams or lie on concrete floors.
- Do not shower, bath, wash dishes etc as lightning can travel through plumbing.
- Avoid using electrical equipment connected to an electrical supply.

### IMMEDIATE INTERIM ACTIONS:

When Lightning is detected within a 40km radius of our site, work STOPS until the storm has passed.

Workers must shelter in a safe location until the "all clear" is given by management. This will be at least 30minutes after the last lightning alert in our zone.

If required a site evacuation will be called.

THIS SAFETY ALERT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE HEALTH & SAFETY TEAM. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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