**IFP demands lightning conductors be installed in rural areas [South Africa]**

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The IFP in KwaZulu-Natal wants the provincial government to install lightning conductors in rural areas, to minimise the risk of severe storms.

The party has been commenting after four members of the Mngomezulu family were killed in northern KwaZulu-Natal on Wednesday night.   
  
Their home was struck by lightning near Jozini, claiming the lives of three children and their mother.   
  
The IFP's Blessed Gwala wants the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs to install lightning conductors across the uMkhanyakude District.

Local officials say they are making plans to meet with the family of the deceased.  
  
Mayisela says the father, who was also in the home, survived the lightning strike.  
  
He was rushed to hospital in a critical condition.

The department says [**disaster management teams have been deployed to areas affected by the recent storms**](https://www.ecr.co.za/news/news/kzn-disaster-teams-standby-rain-persists/) and heavy rains to assist where possible.