

## Man dies after being struck by lightning in Gauteng [S Africa]

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Severe thunderstorms that hit Gauteng on Monday afternoon have killed two people, after they were struck by lightning in separate incidents.

A woman in her 30s was struck by lightning and subsequently died around 16:30 in Melville, Johannesburg Emergency Management Services (EMS) spokesperson Nana Radebe confirmed to News24.

Radebe said the woman was struck by lightning on the corner of Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> road in Melville. She was declared dead at the scene.

Around 16:55 also on Monday, ER24 paramedics arrived on a farm in Elandsfontein, near Alberton, where a man in his late 30s was struck and killed by lightning.

ER24 spokesperson Russel Meiring said paramedics found the man lying motionless in a field surrounded by his colleagues.

"Medics assessed the man and found that he had shown [sic] no signs of life. Unfortunately, nothing could be done for him, and he was declared dead," Meiring said.

### Warning

The South African Weather Service has issued a warning for severe thunderstorms in Gauteng until late on Monday, and further warned of possible flooding, especially in low-lying areas, hail, and reduced visibility on the roads.

It warned that localised flooding and flash-flooding was expected during peak traffic in Gauteng and the evening.