Lightning blamed for Johannesburg man's shower death

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Johannesburg - Lightning is believed to have struck a man, killing him, in the bathroom of his home in Parkwood, Johannesburg, ER24 said on Wednesday.

Spokesperson Vanessa Jackson said the 33-year-old man was in the shower when a storm hit. Neighbours found his body. They became concerned on noticing that he had not left for work and went inside when he did not answer his cellphone. When paramedics arrived, he was already dead, said Jackson.

"The home's garden and surrounding areas had been seriously affected by the storm and a nearby school's roof had reportedly almost been blown off," she said.

Witnesses said they'd seen a number of lightning bolts near the house, Jackson said.

"It can only be suspected that the lightning had played a part in the man's death as he was otherwise said to be fit and healthy."