

## Man struck by lightning, suffers slight burns

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EAST LONDON — A man escaped with burn bruises when he was hit by lightning while speaking on the phone last night.

Peter Potgieter, 31, was at his mother's Greenfields home talking on the phone when lightning struck a pole outside the house at about 8pm. "I just heard a bang on my ear. I was knocked down for about two minutes and I could not move," said Potgieter.

He was rushed to Medicross by his friend, Errol Parrish.

A doctor who treated Potgieter said he sustained burn bruises, which were not serious, in the ear.

He said Potgieter was treated and discharged.

"I am lucky to be still alive," Potgieter said as he recalled the incident. After treatment all he felt was a light burn in the ear. — DDR