# WARNING AS LIGHTNING KILLS BOY; HAILSTORM EXPECTED- Swaziland.

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**MBABANE – A 13-year-old boy of Khabonina was struck by lightning on Wednesday, at around 5:30pm.**

He was certified dead upon arrival at Mankayane Government Hospital. This was confirmed by the Acting Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer, Mazwi Ndzimandze. Meanwhile, the National Meteorological Service has issued a warning of possible severe lightning, and hail, which is expected to take place from this afternoon to the evening.

**Winds**

According to the Meteorological Service forecast, the impending storm is expected to bring strong damaging winds, hail and intense lightning. Recently, this publication reported that residents of Malindza and Sikhuphe had been affected by strong winds which blew a number of roofings and disrupted power lines. The publication also reported areas such as Nkoyoyo, Stibeni and Mpolonjeni, which were significantly affected by hailstones, which caused damage to crops, vehicles and buildings.

**Safe precautions during hailstorms and strong winds:**

* Stay away from windows: Hailstones can shatter glass, causing injuries.
* Move to an interior room: A basement or interior room on the lowest floor is ideal.
* Close blinds and curtains: This can help protect windows from damage.
* Unplug electronics: Power surges from lightning strikes can damage electronics.
* If you are outdoors:
* Seek shelter immediately: Find a sturdy building or vehicle.
* Avoid open areas: Stay away from open fields, tall trees and bodies of water.
* Avoid metal objects: Stay away from metal objects like fences, poles and bicycles.