

# WHAT IS THE PROBABILITY THAT LIGHTNING WILL STRIKE A PERSON?

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It is unlikely that lightning will strike you, but this depends on many factors. There is not the same probability if we take shelter when we hear thunder as if we face the storm while swimming in the sea or walking in the mountains.

According to experts, the probability of being struck by lightning is 1 in 3,000,000,000, higher than the probability of winning the Euromillions, 1 in 75,000,000,000.

## Which people are most at risk from a lightning strike?

The majority of people who have suffered from this phenomenon are men between 15 and 35 years of age. They are 5% more likely to be affected than women.

## When is there more risk of being struck by lightning?

The risk is higher in the seasons when thunderstorms are more frequent. This occurs in summer, mostly in July and during the afternoon.

## What damage can a lightning strike cause to a person?

Although we tend to think otherwise, only 10% of people who are struck by lightning die. Mostly from a heart attack. Much of the damage suffered by the person affected is trauma, burns, muscle injuries, eye injuries or neurological problems.

## What to do if you are caught in a thunderstorm in an open field?

The first and most important thing to do is to seek shelter, avoiding at all costs shelter under a tree. Never remain lying down. The best course of action if there is nowhere nearby to shelter during the storm is to sit with your feet together and your head down between your knees.

 1 ears and eyes and wait for the storm to pass.

## Is it safe to touch a person struck by lightning?

Yes, it is safe, since a person struck by lightning is not electrified. If you are in an isolated area, you can give first aid to the affected person while the doctor arrives and treats him accordingly.

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