

Monsoon

Preparedness



WHAT IS IT ANYHOW?

The *monsoon* is a seasonal shift in wind direction that affects weather in Arizona from mid-June through September. The monsoon brings severe thunderstorms, lightning, dust storms & an increased risk of flooding statewide.

Did you know?

20 people died near Colorado City, Ariz., in Sept. 2015 when flash floodwaters swept their vehicles downstream.

10 people were killed and 20 injured in four separate dust storm-related accidents on Interstate 10 on April 9, 1995.

20 inches of rain fell on Flagstaff during the 1986 monsoon.

How to prepare

- 1** **Pull Aside, Stay Alive.** If you encounter a dust storm while driving, pull off the road as soon as possible.
- 2** If you "See a Flash, Dash Inside." Lightning killed 27 people in the United States in 2015.
- 3** **Turn Around, Don't Drown®.** Never try to cross a flooded roadway. A vehicle will float in just 6 inches of water.
- 4** Buy flood insurance. Most homeowners' policies do not cover flood damage.
- 5** Be aware of current forecasts and changing weather conditions. Identify areas near your home or business that are flood prone. Be prepared to evacuate to higher ground if asked to by local officials.

Weather Outlook



Weekly Forecast

Winds 5 to 10 MPH

Monday 40% Partly Sunny 98°	Monday Night 40% Mostly Cloudy 80°
Tuesday 30% Mostly Cloudy 97°	Tuesday Night 20% Mostly Cloudy 81°
Wednesday 20% Partly Sunny 100°	Wed Night 20% Mostly Cloudy 81°
Thursday 10% Mostly Sunny 101°	Thurs Night 10% Partly Cloudy 82°
Friday 10% Mostly Sunny 103°	Friday Night 20% Partly Cloudy 82°
Saturday 10% Mostly Sunny 105°	Saturday Night 20% Mostly Cloudy 83°
Sunday 10% Mostly Sunny 104°	 Chance of T-Storms 82°

FLASH FLOOD Watch July 17, 2017 until 10PM

July 17 - 23, 2017

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Flash Flood Watch means flooding of washes, creeks & other drainage areas is possible.

If Indoors:

*Turn on your TV / radio to get the latest weather updates emergency information.

If Outdoors:

*Get to high ground and stay there.

*Avoid walking through any floodwaters. If water is moving swiftly, even water 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet.

If in a Car:

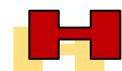
*Turn on your radio to get the latest weather updates emergency information.

*If you come to a flooded area, turn around and go another way. 1 foot of water can sweep your vehicle away.

*Never drive through water flowing over a bridge or road.

Emergency Kit

Build or restock your emergency kit/supplies to include a drinking water, non-perishable food, non-electric can opener, flashlight, batteries, battery operated radio, first aid kit /supplies and prescriptions etc.



Hydrate: hydration is an important part of a health life year round, but is especially crucial during the hot summer months. Always stay hydrated



Environment/Weather: Please be cautious of your surroundings and pay attention to the excessive heat watches/warnings conditions.



Awareness: the best way to beat the heat is to stay informed on extreme heat safety actions as well as the impact and illness associated with heat exposure.



Take Action: knowing first aid treatments and when to call 911 are Critical action to take when dealing with heat illness, actions that can Be taken to prepare for the heat.

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