

# 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.