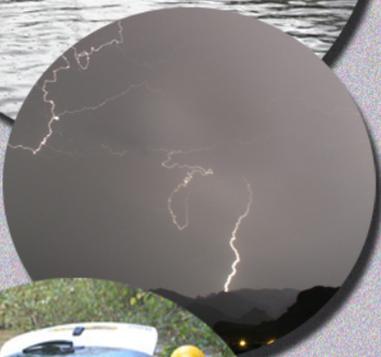


# Monsoon Safety

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## PLAN AHEAD BEFORE THE STORM



- Before going on an outing, listen to the weather reports on radio and TV. The National Weather Service issues Arizona weather watches and warnings via radio and TV.
- A severe thunderstorm warning means that life-threatening storms with winds of at least 60 miles per hour or flash flooding are about to occur or have been reported.
- Have an emergency kit ready in your house and car including first aid items, water, ready-to-eat food, battery-powered radio and flashlights with extra batteries. Do not use candles or oil lamps – they are fire hazards.
- When you're outside, regularly scan the skies 360 degrees around you and overhead. There's no mistaking the tall, skyscraper-like cumulonimbus clouds or the darkening sky.
- Listen for thunder. Anytime you hear thunder, get indoors immediately. Postpone outdoor activities until at least a half hour after you hear the last sounds of thunder or see the last flashes of lightning.
- If you're driving when a serious storm begins, the best thing to do is pull over to a safe parking place and wait for the storm to pass. Keep your windows and doors closed. Turn off your lights. Don't touch any metal parts of the vehicle.
- Do not cross flooded washes or roadways.
- Don't park your car under a tree. High winds can break branches and topple even the sturdiest tree.
- If you must continue driving, drive slower. Leave plenty of room between you and the next vehicle.
- Obey all caution signs.
- Do not try to cross flooded sections of roadway or washes or drive around barricades. It's dangerous and it's illegal.
- Slow down when you drive through standing water. Even small amounts can cause your vehicle to hydroplane and lose control.
- Be very cautious at night. It's much harder to detect flooded areas in the dark.