



SAFETY FLASH



Tip of the Day: Lighting occurs with ALL thunderstorms. Peak months are July and August and most common between 2 - 7 PM.

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Monsoon Season Awareness

A monsoon is not a storm, but a flow pattern that facilitates the formation of thunder storms.

Our Monsoon Season typically starts June 15th, lasts until September 30th, and is the time frame during which we receive 50 to 60 % of our annual rainfall.

Monsoon Season Hazards:



Wild Fires	Thunderstorms	Downburst Winds/Dust Storms	Lightning
Hail	Heavy Rain	Flash Floods	Excessive Heat



According to the National Weather Service, the best practice is to **stay alert** of the weather conditions and avoid the threat before it occurs **by**:

- ✓ Monitoring current weather forecasts on TV or the internet.
- ✓ Listening to weather reports on the radio or a NOAA weather radio.
- ✓ Subscribing to lightning and severe weather notification services.
- ✓ Scanning the skies 360 degrees around and overhead before leaving a safe location.



Weather Terminology

ADVISORY - Highlights special weather conditions that are less serious than a warning. Advisories should cause us to **think** about what we need to do.

WATCH – A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. Watches should cause us to **prepare**.



Visit www.redcross.org, www.nsc.org and www.fema.gov for sample checklists for preparing an emergency preparedness / disaster kit.



WARNING - A warning is issued when a hazardous weather event is occurring or is imminent. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property. Warnings should cause us to **respond**.

Monsoon Safety Sayings

When it roars.... Go indoors!

When flooded, TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN®



Visit www.weather.gov and search "Monsoon Awareness" for more information.

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