

Information Concerning Severe Weather

Most of Arizona's severe weather occurs from June through September. Monsoon storms may occur on a daily basis during this period. These storms can consist of blowing sand, lightning, heavy rains, wind shear, and severe wind gusts. Downburst, macroburst, microburst, and sandstorm are the names commonly used to describe and quantify the severity of the storm.

Most of the danger from a monsoon storm comes from lightning and severe winds. The winds may be strong enough to move objects, knock down telephone/electric poles, and damage structures such as buildings. Although less destructive than a tornado, some monsoon storms, such as microburst, can be just as lethal.

At the inception of and during a monsoon storm, it is best to be inside a shelter such as a permanent structure or a motor vehicle for protection against flying objects and lightning. After the storm, it is important to check for downed power lines, flooded areas, and/or other dangers that may be present.

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