



# FLOOD / FLASH FLOODING

**TURN AROUND**

**DON'T DROWN**

**According to the National Weather Service (NWS)...**

*Flash flooding kills approximately 130 people annually.*

*6-12 inches of water can knock a person off his/her feet.*

*2-3 feet of water can float most vehicles.*

**The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers the following guidelines:**

## **How To Stay Safe During a Flash Flood**

- ❖ Evacuate any area that will be subject to flooding, including dips, low spots, canyons, and washes.
- ❖ If you come across a flooded area, do not attempt to cross the flowing streams.
- ❖ Never drive through flooded roadways because the road bed may not be fully intact due to the heavy amounts of water.
- ❖ Be cautious if driving at night since it will be harder to recognize flood areas.
- ❖ If camping, do not park your vehicle near streams and washes, especially if there is a possibility of flooding.

## **While at Richland College, the following guidelines are recommended:**

- ❖ Watch for rushing water over sidewalks and streets.
- ❖ Watch your speed while driving on campus roadways, ponding water and pooling water near storm drains may cause your vehicle to lose control.
- ❖ Use caution on wet streets, reduce your speed, and allow additional braking distance.
- ❖ During heavy rains, use your headlight to increase your visibility to other vehicles.