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STD
Prevention/Treatment
636-949-7401

Environmental Health
636-949-7404

WIC
(Women Infants Children)
636-949-7402

Division of Emergency
Management
636-949-3023

Division of Environmental
Services
Recycling Services
636-949-7415

Division of Humane
Services
636-949-7387 (PETS)

Animal Control
636-949-7347

Let's Have a Safe Halloween!

Halloween is a cherished tradition, but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. Here are some simple safety tips to keep in mind this Halloween.

Help your child choose or make a costume that will be safe. Make it sure it is flame retardant and has eye holes large enough for good peripheral vision.

Make sure that costume props have tips that are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on. Remind children to walk, not run.

Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult. Only visit homes where lights are on. Children should walk on sidewalks and driveways.

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so they are not a fire hazard to children's costumes.



Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin, draw the face on it and then you can do the carving.

Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers and looking both ways before crossing streets will help make them safe when they are out trick-or-treating. For more safety tips visit the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!



pet adoption day at **WESTINN KENNELS**

In cooperation with the St. Charles County
Division of Humane Services

Saturday, October 15, 2005 • 10 am – 2 pm
Westinn Kennel • 1522 Swantnerville Drive
Wentzville, MO 63385 • 636-332-9663

Meet kennel owner & professional trainer,
Sharon West!
Microchip your pet for
just \$10!
(cash or check)

Directions to Westinn Kennel: Hwy 70 West to Exit 208 – Left over Hwy to the South Outer Road – Right on South Outer Road – Left onto Swantnerville Drive (street between Wentzville Auto Plaza and First Bank)



Surfing the web?



We're on the Web!
www.scchealth.org

Check out these websites for more info on public health!

Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov

Institute for Business and Home Safety
www.ibhs.org

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St Charles County Division of Emergency Management

Looking for information or assistance?
Maybe we can help!



Our Mission: To plan and prepare for, respond to, and assist in recovery from natural and man-made disasters.

Disaster Safety Education

Free and portable, safety presentations brought to the location of your private, public, or commercial organization. Speakers on other emergency management related topics are also available.

- **Earthquake** - Get the straight story about earthquakes, Missouri, what to do, and not to do!
- **Tornado** - Make sure you know fact from fiction when it comes to tornado safety.
- **Shelter In Place** – In-place sheltering could be a simple lifesaving alternative to evacuation
- **Flood** - Learn about the hazards and safety tips for dealing with our most common natural disaster.
- **Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams** - From "everyday" emergencies to headline-making disasters, the CERT program teaches skills that can sustain life until professional help arrives.

Disaster Preparedness Services

- On-site facility hazard surveys
- Disaster planning assistance, review, recommendations, references, and referrals
- Disaster planning guides for families, businesses, schools, etc.
- Disaster safety children's books
- Disaster safety related consultations (safety meetings, topic inquiries, etc.)
- Educational material including hazard & geological maps (for classrooms, research, etc.)
- Information booths for safety fairs and other events
- Group tours of the Emergency Management Operations Center

For more information, contact Ina McCaine-Obenland, St Charles County Division of Emergency Management, at 636-949-3023, or email at ematrain@mail.win.org. Visit us online at www.scchealth.org

From the Director...

By Gil Copley, Director of the Department of Community Health and the Environment

What Is Public Health?

There have been many definitions of public health proposed over the years. They each tend to represent a particular point of view and collectively give a good overall picture of the practice of public health. Traditionally, a distinction has been made between health care which deals with individuals and public health which deals with populations or communities. Even public health services to an individual, for example...

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Please Note:

St. Charles County Government offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2005 in honor of Columbus Day.



Tire Round-Up Success!

Residents from all over St. Charles County recently helped recycle more than 66,000 pounds of tires.

Over a three-day collection they brought their old tires to Recycle Works West in Wentzville. Roughly 1,850 tires from tractors, cars, bicycles, ATVs, and motorcycles will become crumb rubber products or will be used as a fuel blend in incinerators.

Although this is not an annual event, the Department of Community Health and the Environment appreciates everyone's help in making St. Charles County a cleaner, healthier place to live!