



# ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Now is the Time to Prepare for Emergencies**

*Businesses and families can benefit from emergency preparedness programs*

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**St. Charles County** - Emergencies can happen at anytime. A fire, a tornado, a flood or even a terrorist attack can change lives. Families, businesses and communities need to take steps today to prepare for an emergency. Ready in 3 ([www.ready.missouri.gov](http://www.ready.missouri.gov)) is Missouri's emergency preparedness program which teaches citizens 3 simple steps they can take to be better prepared:

1. Create a plan for you, your family, and your business.
2. Prepare an emergency kit for home, car and work.
3. Listen for information about what to do and where to go during an actual emergency.

Ready in 3 a variety of printed materials including a family safety guide, an emergency threats brochure, posters and bookmarks. Local staff is also available to present the Ready in 3 materials and supplemental Power Point presentation to your organization, civic group or business. All materials are free of charge and many are available in multiple languages. Materials may be ordered online at [www.ready.missouri.gov](http://www.ready.missouri.gov) or through the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment by calling 636-949-7408.

Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. For more information on emergency preparedness visit [www.scchealth.org](http://www.scchealth.org) or call the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment at 636-949-7408.