

# Kansas School Preparedness Week



## School Preparedness Week Sept 13-17

By Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson's proclamation, September 13-17, 2010, will be Kansas School Preparedness Week. This week is sponsored by the Kansas Center for Safe & Prepared Schools & its collaborative membership. Kansas School Preparedness Week is part of the National Preparedness Month coalition, sponsored by FEMA's Ready campaign, the Citizen's Corp & the Advertising Council.

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### Are You Prepared?

- ✓ Have a Kit
- ✓ Make a Plan
- ✓ Be Informed
- ✓ Make a Difference

### Activities For Your School To Do:

1. Discuss and practice a school safety drill each day during this week. The suggested drills are fire (evacuation), severe weather (tornado), bus evacuation, lockdown, shelter in place & off-site evacuation & reunification
2. Invite local first responders into your school and do a drill together
3. Host a meeting with local first responders, emergency management and other community leaders who would be involved in an emergency
4. Review your school's district and building emergency plans with staff
5. Check and update your school building's crisis kit
6. Check, update or obtain a classroom crisis kit
7. Become a member of your local CERT (community emergency response team)
8. Get involved with American Red Cross by donating blood
9. Become involved with other local volunteer agencies
10. Make a donation to a disaster relief fund
11. Hold an art poster campaign for Safe & Prepared Schools Week
12. Review plans for those with disabilities during disasters
13. Review plans to take care of pets during disasters
14. Encourage every home to have a disaster kit, an emergency plan and be aware of potential situations in your community
15. Update your family records and store in a known safe place
16. Review your insurance policies to know what coverage you have during a disaster
17. Check on medical supplies that would be needed in a disaster
18. Remember to have a contact person outside of your area as part of your family emergency plan
19. Check with neighbors and discuss neighborhood emergency plans
20. Request and give preparedness items as gifts
21. Take a first aid class
22. Take a CPR class
23. Find out where portable defibrillators (A.E.D.'s) are located
24. Back up important information
25. Visit with parents groups about school emergency plans
26. Conduct a school or classroom hazard hunt
27. Conduct an age appropriate lesson so students learn about home and family preparedness
28. Contact the local newspaper to do an article about school preparedness
29. Add a section in the school newsletter about preparedness week
30. Host a lunch with local first responders or emergency management staff

- 57% of People report they have disaster readiness items in their homes.
- 34% of People have readiness supplies in their car.
- 42% of People report they would need help in a disaster

### Check Out These Websites:

- [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)
- [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

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