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SUMMER SAFETY WEEK 2: BOATING & CAMPING

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County reminds its citizens to take precautions when engaging in summer activities to ensure a safe and fun season.

Boating and camping are popular summer activities among Sedgwick County citizens. While it is never a good idea to boat or camp alone, there are other safety measures to consider:

1. Obey the laws in effect at the boating/camping site.
2. Each person in the boat should have a life jacket.
3. Drivers of boats should be aware of their surroundings and the other people in and around the boat at all times.
4. Drivers of boats should not consume alcohol or debilitating drugs of any kind before or while they are operating the boat.
5. When camping in remote locations, know your surroundings and bring with you directional devices, such as a compass and map.
6. Put food and all other scented items away securely. The scents from these items can attract unwanted wild animals and insects.
7. Do not start camp fires in dry areas. A fire pit surrounded by rocks is the best natural way to confine a campfire. Keep enough water nearby to put the fire out if needed.
8. Assume all water found in natural settings is not safe to drink without purification tablets or boiling the water.
9. Plan and dress appropriately for the activities and weather you may encounter while camping, and don't forget to pack a first-aid kit.

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