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SEVERE WEATHER PLANS AND KITS

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Severe weather, including strong winds, hail and tornadoes, is predicted for South Central Kansas over the next couple of days. If you have not developed a plan and assembled a kit, now is the time.

Consider the following for your emergency plan:

- Where is the nearest shelter? Don't wait until severe weather is threatening to identify your shelter. An underground shelter is best, but an interior room without windows on the lowest level is an option as well. In fact, this type of room may be safer than traveling a long distance to find an underground shelter. Anyone residing in a manufactured home should identify an off-site shelter; consider neighbors, relatives, churches or other nearby locations.
- Stay tuned to local media outlets when severe weather is predicted. Don't wait until you hear the sirens.
- Coordinate with other family members. If you are apart when severe weather strikes, have a plan to reconnect after the storm has passed.

Consider these items for your emergency kit (more specific items may be found at www.sedgwickcounty.org):

- Important documents
- Current medications
- Water
- Food (and pet food)
- Clothing and bedding
- Tools and supplies
- First aid kit

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