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### **SLED TO PROMOTE CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS AT 2009 SC STATE FAIR**

Be Ready South Carolina!

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) wants to help you prepare for an emergency before it happens in the Palmetto State.

SLED's Homeland Security experts will have an interactive booth set up at the 2009 South Carolina State Fair.

They will answer your questions and offer valuable information on protecting your loved ones before, during and after an emergency or disaster.

Fairgoers are encouraged to stop by SLED's "Be Ready South Carolina!" booth which will include a video supported display on public safety and citizen preparedness. Hand-outs will also be available.

The booth will be located inside the Hampton Building from October 14-25, 2009.

#### **Disaster Preparedness Tips:**

1. **Prepare to be self-sufficient.** Prepare an emergency kit with enough items that will last for at least three days. Your kit should include: non-perishable food, water, a flashlight, a battery-operated radio, batteries, necessary medicines and a first aid items.

2. **Plan in Advance**. Discuss how you will contact relatives at all times. Plan what your family will do in different emergency situations.
3. **Be informed**. Learn about the various types of disasters that threaten South Carolina. Then plan your course of action appropriately.
4. **Visit** [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more information.