

## **Family emergency workshop at Ameristar**

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Preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, smoke detectors, dead-bolt locks and extra food in the pantry. During National Preparedness Month, The American Red Cross-Loess Hills Chapter, SERVPRO of Council Bluffs/Missouri Valley, Holiday Inn at Ameristar Casino-Hotel and The Salvation Army will host an Emergency Preparedness Night Sept. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Holiday Inn Ameristar, 2200 River Road, in the south parking lot.

Attendees will learn how to make an emergency supply kit, find out what needs to be included in a family emergency plan, hear about the types of emergencies that happen in the area and discover ways to get involved in community efforts.

The event is part of The American Red Cross-Loess Hills, SERVPRO of Council Bluffs/Missouri Valley, Holiday Inn at Ameristar, Pottawattamie CERT, The Salvation Army, Council Bluffs Fire Department, Main Event Catering and Iowa Blackhawks' participation in NPM 2009, a month set aside to encourage individuals and families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

The event is open to the public, and admission is free. There also will be free hot dogs for those in attendance, the Iowa Blackhawks' mascot will meet the children and other fun activities.

For more information, contact SERVPRO of Council Bluffs/Missouri Valley at (402) 707-5545, The American Red Cross-Loess Hills Chapter at (712) 322-4017 or The Salvation Army at (712) 328-2088.