

# Hodgeman County ADT Alert System



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The ADT  
Alert System  
is at NO cost  
to you!

You may choose to receive alerts via text message, phone calls, and email! The ADT Alert System could save your life!

## Examples of uses of the ADT Alert System:

- Power, phone, and water interruptions in your area (planned or unplanned)
- Threats and warnings
- Suspicious or dangerous person warnings
- Fire, explosions, or chemical conditions
- Severe weather advisories
- Traffic or parking advisories
- Road closings in your area
- Meeting cancellations
- Missing person alerts
- Flood warnings

**Stay  
Informed &  
Be Prepared!**

## How to Sign Up:

1. Online registration through ADT is available at [www.hodgemancountyks.com](http://www.hodgemancountyks.com). This form will allow you to create a username and password so you may update your information.
2. You may print out a PDF sign up form and a **question & answer sheet** at [www.hgcohealthdept.com](http://www.hgcohealthdept.com). Please return or mail to address at the bottom of the form.
3. Forms are available at the Hodgeman County Health Department, City of Jetmore Office, Jetmore Food Center, and Hanston State Bank.
4. Sign up will also be available at the Hodgeman County Health Department and Economic Development Department fair booths located in the 4-H building July 15th—19th, 2011.

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## **Questions and Answers about ADT Immediate Response Informational System (IRIS™).**

The ADT Immediate Response Information System was originally designed for emergencies and severe weather notification. However, its ability to reach so many so quickly makes it a great communication resource for Hodgeman County, while maintaining its effectiveness in the event of an emergency.

### **How does ADT IRIS™ provide data privacy and security?**

All personal data and IRIS™ operations are held under the highest security standard in existence - an encryption level more secure than the technology protocol credit card companies use to protect online transactions.

### **What if I don't have an email account?**

An e-mail account is required for information to be sent, but the accuracy of the e-mail account is not verified by the system. Those who do not have an active e-mail account will be assigned a false e-mail so the system will work. Having a valid e-mail account helps by letting you know a message has been sent and what that message said, if you get e-mails, but no phone calls, you need to let us know...something is wrong.

### **Will my information be shared?**

No. The ability to send out specific, immediate messages to members of the community that have signed up will help keep us more organized and informed. The system will NEVER be used for marketing purposes and your information will not be sold or shared. The idea behind this system is to generate one accurate message that can be sent out to explain a situation and be delivered almost simultaneously to everyone involved. Different groups within the community will have access to the system – all using the same information, but no one but the administrator for that group will have your information. For example: I may be listed on the Courthouse Employee group, the Volunteer Firefighter group, the LEPC group, and the SW quadrant of HG County group. I will receive notifications from these groups...but not from the EMT group, Hospital Employee group, SE quadrant group, City of Hanston group, etc. You cannot be added to a group that you do not have a reason to belong to.

### **My spouse already signed up, do I need to also?**

Yes, as you and your spouse may be in different groups in the county (such as different places of work, etc.), or you may not be with your spouse if an emergency arose.

### **Do I need to sign up for voice calls and text messages?**

This is up to you. However, in the case of the Greensburg tornado the phone lines were tied up but the text messages were able to go through. The text message only allows for 145 characters, but the voice is unlimited.

### **Why do you need my date of birth?**

Age can be useful in case an alert needs to be sent out to age specific groups. Example: There is an outbreak of an infectious disease, an alert may be sent out to the most susceptible age group such as the elderly or parents with young children.

### **I am already signed up to receive alerts from the school; do I also need to sign up for this?**

Yes. The school will only send out alerts related to school activities. The Hodgeman County ADT IRIS™ alert system can send out many different kinds of alerts.

#### **Examples of the ADT IRIS™ uses:**

- Suspicious or dangerous person warning
- Fire, explosion, or chemical conditions
  - Threats and warnings
  - Severe weather advisories
- Power, phone, or network trouble
- Planned service interruptions (such as the water or power being down during a certain time)
  - Traffic or parking advisories
  - Important announcements
  - Meeting cancellations

### **Will this cost me anything?**

No. Under our current contract the system costs \$1.50 per person and is currently being paid through the Hodgeman County Economic Development. It doesn't matter whether we use the system once a year...or once an hour...the price is the same. Using it does not increase the cost.

