# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

### **September 30, 2005**

(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

## Stage Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### 1-14035

(Commission File Number)

#### **NEVADA**

91-1826900

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

# 10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas

77025

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

## (800) 579-2302

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

## Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 30, 2005, Stage Stores, Inc. issued a news release providing an update on the impact from Hurricane Rita. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

#### Item 9.01.

#### Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99News release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on September 30, 2005, providing an update on the impact from Hurricane Rita.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

## STAGE STORES, INC.

October 4, 2005 (Date) /s/ Michael E. McCreery Michael E. McCreery Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer