

Halloween Safety Tips



Costumes

- Choose costumes that are made of flame-retardant materials.
- Costumes should be light, bright, and clearly visible to motorists.
- Use strips of reflective tape to help make children visible.
- Remove masks or any item that limits eyesight before crossing a street, driveway, or alley.
- Avoid tripping by making sure costumes do not drag the ground.



Trick or Treating

- Never have young children trick or treat alone.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Do not pet animals you do not know.
- Walk - do not run - from house to house. Do not cross yards or lawns where unseen objects or uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Carry flashlights to help children see better and be seen more clearly.
- Older children should carry a cell phone to call home if necessary.
- Look in all directions before crossing the street.
- Use reflective tape on candy bags to be more visible to motorists.



Motorists

- Avoid traveling on Halloween evening. If you must drive, please drive slowly, carefully, and watch for children.
- Enter and exit driveways with extreme caution.



Tips for Adults

- Pin a piece of paper to your child's clothing that includes their name, address, and phone number in case they become separated from the group.
- Older children should know where and how to reach you and when they are expected to be home.
- Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items.
- When expecting trick-or-treaters, remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches.
- Keep pumpkins and hot electric lamps away from drapes, decorations, flammable materials or areas where children will be standing or walking.
- Do not overload electrical outlets with lighting or special effects.
- If you notice any suspicious or unlawful activity contact law enforcement immediately.
- Adult partygoers should establish a designated driver.



We wish you a safe and happy Halloween!